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AUGUST 9, 1991

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COCODRIE, LOUISIANA
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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

August 9, 1991

Chairman James H. Jenkins, Jr. presiding.

Friday, August 9, 1991

Houston Foret
Bert Jones
Norman McCall
Warren Pol
Jeff Schneider
Pete Vujnovich

Acting Secretary A. Kell McInnis III was also present.

Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order and advised that they was going to proceed to Items #10 (Shrimp Season) and #11 (Oyster Season).

Mr. John Roussel reported on the **Setting of the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season and a Declaration of Emergency/Resolution** were presented.

Mr. Roussel advised that Title 56 provides that the Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and traditionally the fall inshore shrimp season in Louisiana has commenced on the third Monday in August. Until two years ago the date was set in the statutes. The department staff has reviewed the historical and current biological sampling data for Zones I and II and has not found any reason to deviate from the traditional opening date. The following resolution was presented to the Commission which contains the recommendations of the department in its entirety. Mr. Roussel read the "The Therefore Be It Resolved" portions of the resolution. The department is recommending that the fall inshore shrimp season open at 6 a.m. on Monday, August 19th in Zones I and II.

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission. Mr. Foret advised that his sampling agreed with opening the season on the 19th and he would not question it at this time. Mr. Pol moved that the resolution be accepted. The motion was seconded by Captain Vujnovich. Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the public. There being none, Chairman Jenkins called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION

1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 9, 1991 - Cocodrie, Louisiana

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and
- WHEREAS, Historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in both Zones 1 and 2 of coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S. 56:498 by mid August, and
- WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and
- WHEREAS, in 1991 the third Monday in August will be August 19,
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1991 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497.3, to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1 and 2 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19, 1991,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1991 Fall inshore white shrimp season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.

A. Kell McInnis III
LA Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries

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is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION

1991/92 Season on The Public Oyster Grounds
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 9, 1991 LUMCON, Cocodrie, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1991 is September 4, and

WHEREAS, 1991 has been an abnormal environmental year causing significant oyster mortalities, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservations have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been a managerial practice to rotate the opening of the season on some of the "Oyster Seed Reservation" when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" was open during the 90/01 oyster season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise October 1, 1991, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" will remain closed during the 1991/92 oyster season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the three "Oyster Seed Reservations" will close 1/2 hour after sunset October 11, 1991, however, the Public Oyster Seed Grounds will remain open until April 1, 1992, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with a good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the

(The full text of the declaration of emergency is made a part of the record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open in Shrimp Management Zones I and II at 6:00 a.m. on August 19, 1991. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also hereby authorized to close the 1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

Setting of the 91/92 Season on Public Oyster Seed Grounds was brought before the Commission by Mr. John Roussel and a Emergency Declaration/Resolution were presented.

Mr. Roussel advised that Title 56 provides that the public oyster seed grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which is September 4th this year. This year (1991) has been a very abnormal environmental year with excessive rain fall earlier in the year. Oyster mortalities have been experienced in some areas. The department staff has done a complete survey of the available supply on the seed grounds and seed reservations. Recommendations have been developed for the season dates for the various public grounds. Mr. Roussel pointed out that there is a distinct possibility for a significant spat catch to occur in the coming months. The department feels that it is important that provisions be made to make adjustment in the recommended dates if a significant spat catch does occur. Mr. Roussel read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portions of the resolution.

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission; there being none he called for a motion. Captain Vujnovich made a motion that the Commission accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foret. Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the public. There being none Chairman Jenkins called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if a significant amount of oysters are available, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that oysters for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type of container, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season that the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open on October 15, 1991 and remain open until and including March 1, 1992, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.

A. Kell McInnis III, Acting
Secretary, Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries

(The full text of the declaration of emergency is made a part of the record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1 notice is hereby given that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, hereby declares:

1. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise October 1, 1991.
2. The Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will close 1/2 hour after sunset October 11, 1991, however, the Public Oyster Seed Grounds will remain open until April 1, 1992.
3. The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed during the 1991-92 oyster season.

4. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amount of shell in seed oyster loads.
5. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if a significant amount of oysters are available.
6. Oysters taken from the Public Oyster Seed Grounds or the Oyster Seed Reservations for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type container.
7. The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open 1/2 hour before sunrise on October 15, 1991 and remain open until 1/2 hour after sunset on March 1, 1992, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days.
8. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the July 9, 1991, Commission Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Schneider for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

An Appreciation Presentation to ALBC was presented by Acting Secretary A. Kell McInnis III.

Acting Secretary McInnis announced that the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs recognized that there were problems at the department's Beechwood Fish Hatchery. They got together and put up \$10,000.00 to assist the department in repairing a water line at the Beechwood Hatchery. The \$10,000.00 was matched with \$30,000.00 in matching funds. An eight inch lines was replaced by an eighteen inch line. The ponds that could not be used before are now in good working order. Acting Secretary McInnis presented a plaque to Mr. Diez and the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs for their generous contribution to the program. Chairman Jenkins thanked Mr. Diez also.

Mr. Dave Morrison presented a Resolution and a Emergency Declaration on the Dove, Snipe and Woodcock Hunting Season Dates.

Mr. Morrison reported that at the July Commission tentative dates for dove, snipe and woodcock were established. This was necessary to allow the Fish and Wildlife Service to give thirty day notice on the Federal framework. At this time these dates need to be adopted so that there will be a hunting season this fall advised Mr. Morrison. Mr. Morrison presented the following season dates.

Dove: Split Season, Statewide
Sept. 7-15
Oct. 19-Nov. 10
Dec. 7-Jan. 3

Daily bag limit 15, possession 30

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except on the opening weekend of each split (Sept. 7-8, Oct. 19-20 and Dec. 7-8) when shooting hours will be 12:00 Noon to sunset.

Snipe: Nov. 9-Feb. 23 - daily bag limit 8, possession 16.

Woodcock: Nov. 28-Jan. 31 - daily bag limit 5, possession 10.

Shooting hours for snipe and woodcock are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Mr. Morrison continued and read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portions of the resolution. Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission. There being none Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the public.

Mr. Charles Walker, 20221 Hoo Soo Too, Baton Rouge, LA, addressed the Commission. Mr. Walker spoke in favor of a 12 limit, 70 day season. According to Mr. Walker's information the department recommended the 12 limit, 70 day season. A department survey found that an overwhelming majority of the hunters responding would prefer a 12 limit, 70 day season. Mr. Walker asked the Commission to reconsider the season for doves. If the season stays as is Mr. Walker asked the Commission to consider, in the future, split zones. If the 15 limit stays, Mr. Walker asked for an opinion from the Commission as to why they feel this is a preferable season.

There being no more comments Mr. Jones made a motion that the regulations, as read, be accepted. Mr. Pol seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 9, 1991

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Cocodrie, LA, August 9, 1991

WHEREAS, Hugh a Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, has attended public hearings in Washington, D.C. on upland migratory birds and waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing upland migratory season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for upland migratory species including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for upland migratory species within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of Emergency will be in effect beginning September 7, 1991 and extends through sunset February 23, 1992, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 1991-92 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

A. Kell McInnis, III, Acting
Secretary, LA Dept. of Wildlife
and Fisheries

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

(The full text of the emergency
declaration is made a part of the
record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following Emergency Rule:

The hunting season for upland migratory birds during the 1991-92 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Dove: Split Season, Statewide
Sept. 7-15
Oct. 19-Nov. 10
Dec. 7-Jan. 3

Daily bag limit 15, possession 30

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except on the opening weekend of each split (Sept. 7-8, Oct. 19-20 and Dec. 7-8) when shooting hours will be 12:00 Noon to sunset.

Snipe: Nov. 9-Feb. 23 - daily bag limit 8, possession 16.

Woodcock: Nov. 28-Jan. 31 - daily bag limit 5, possession 10.

Shooting hours for rail, gallinule, snipe and woodcock are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will become effective on September 7, 1991 and extend through sunset on February 28, 1992.

Jimmy Jenkins
Chairman

At this point during the meeting a gentleman asked about commenting on the setting of the shrimp season. After a brief discussion that this item had already been brought before the Commission and acted

upon Chairman Jenkins asked the gentleman from the audience to go ahead and make his comments. The gentleman from the audience asked why was Zone III opened earlier causing a split across the state, why not open statewide. Mr. Roussel explained that at the July Commission meeting a resolution was passed that authorized the Secretary to open the fall season if biological data indicated it was necessary and the date was before the next Commission meeting. The staff reviewed the information for Zone III and there was evidence that there was emigration of shrimp from Zone III inshore areas to the offshore areas earlier than in the central and east coast of Louisiana. In addition to this there was a number of meetings held in the area where the fishermen requested an earlier opening. All of this information was taken into consideration and a recommendation was made to the Secretary. This season was opened on Wednesday, August 7th. Mr. Roussel advised that he received a report from one of the District Supervisors that this had been one of the better openings experienced in the last five years. The effort was about average, catches were as high as a 1,000 pounds and the shrimp predominantly ran 26-30 and 36-40. The opening day catch is estimated to be about 100,000 pounds total. The gentleman asked Mr. Roussel is that what he is saying is that they did not have more boats than should have in that particular area. Mr. Roussel stated that in this particular case this did not appear to happen. When the spring season opens and one zone is opened prior to other zones there is a massive movement of boats from one part of the state to the other but for some reason this did not happen in this case advised Mr. Roussel. The reason may be that the department did not expect the season to have a terrific crop of shrimp in Calcasieu. The department did think that there was a good chance that these shrimp were going to move offshore before the third Monday in August which would have meant that they would not have been available to the inshore shrimper in that area if the department would have waited longer to open the season.

Another gentleman from the audience asked if this guarantees that when their Zones open on the 19th that there won't be a big influence of boats from Zone I. Chairman Jenkins advised no, it won't guarantee you anything. The gentleman advised that the department brought to the Shrimp Task Force this year the question of the fall shrimp season open. Sixteen leaders of the shrimp industry agreed that the third Monday in August was a fair time for the whole state to open the fall shrimp season. The gentleman stated that they were under the understanding that the department felt, at that time, that the fall shrimp season should be opened statewide. It would not have matter that much if Zone III would have waited two more weeks and did he not believe that the shrimp would have migrated out unless a northern came through or there was an exceptionally heavy rain. The fishermen in Zone II are concerned about a big influx of boats when the season opens and it is not fair when one recommendation is made and the department turns around and changes its mind.

Chairman Jenkins thanked the gentlemen for their comments and advised that the task force does not make the rules and regulations, they are an advisory group.

The Rule on Oyster Lease Moratorium and Oyster Lease Application was presented for ratification by Mr. Don Puckett.

Mr. Puckett reported that this was the final ratification of a rule that has already been approved of by the Commission. The purpose of the rule was to eliminate the moratorium that has been placed on the leasing of oyster leases for the past several years. With the improvement of surveying that the department has been able to accomplish and the permitting of private surveyors to survey oyster leases the department is now in a posture where the moratorium can be opened and accept oyster lease applications at any time rather than just once a year advised Mr. Puckett. Basically the rule puts this into place to provide new rules to take effect once the moratorium is permanently lifted and also gives a transitional rule to go from a moratorium to a non-moratorium situation. The department will give notice, through the media, of a final lifting of the moratorium at which time people will be able to submit applications. Mr. Puckett pointed out some non-substantive changes from the Notice of Intent and asked for comments. There being none Chairman Jenkins asked for all in favor of adopting the final rule on the Oyster Moratorium to say "I". All Commission stated "I". There were none opposing.

(The full text of the rule is made
a part of the record)

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does adopt the following rule regarding Oyster Lease Moratorium.

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

Chapter 5. Oysters

Section 500. Lifting of Oyster Lease Moratorium

A. The moratorium for the taking of oyster lease applications established by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in April, 1978, will be permanently lifted. At that time applications for oyster leases will be accepted in accordance with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations and the procedures

set out below. One week prior to the date that the moratorium is lifted, the date, time and place where applications are to be taken will be publicly advertised. For purposes of and only for purposes of this final lifting of the moratorium, the New Orleans Royal Street office will not be the site.

B. On the date for taking of applications only one applicant will be allowed in the office to take one application. The applicant will have 15 minutes to designate the area he wishes to apply for.

C. Applications will be taken 24 hours a day (on a first come basis) until the department feels the influx of people can be handled at the regular office hours at the New Orleans Office, at which time anyone will be able to take an application.

D. After applicant pays the application and survey fees he may return to the end of the line for another application.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R. 17: (August 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is hereby amending and adopting the following rule regarding Oyster Leases.

TITLE 76

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

Chapter 5. Oysters

Section 501. Oyster Leases

A. Office Policies and Procedures

1. Office hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding state holidays.

2. No one is to go into the lease document or quadrangle files, or application registration without permission of and accompaniment by designated office personnel.

B. The taking of Oyster Lease Applications

1. There shall be a 50-foot buffer zone established between new leases. However, by mutual written consent of applicants of adjacent water bottoms the lease boundaries may be common.

a. Where distances between oyster leases or between oyster leases and the shoreline are 200 feet or less, no applications or leases shall be taken or issued except that the intervening space may be shared equally by the existing leases or applicants if properly applied for and leased in accordance with existing policies and practices.

b. No new application will be taken or lease issued whose length exceeds its narrowest width by more than a factor of three except as follows:

i. between existing leases where all available water bottoms are taken;

ii. in bayous (or similar configurations connections or cuts between bays, lakes and ponds, etc.) where all available water bottoms are taken with a subservient clause prohibiting an impedance of reasonable navigation;

c. Any application for an oyster lease may be contoured to follow the shoreline.

d. No application will be taken to incorporate an existing lease or leases plus additional acreage when less than three years remain in the terms(s) of said lease or leases.

2. If an applicant does not keep his appointment with a surveyor his application will be cancelled. The applicant will be notified of action taken and be given an opportunity to reinstate the application with an additional payment of the survey fee within 14 days of the cancellation notice. When the department surveyor cannot keep his appointment all efforts will be made to notify the applicant.

3. a. If any survey of existing leases by the surveyor of the department shows an overlap, the department will abstract the leases involved and eliminate the overlap, giving the area to the longest continuously uninterrupted lease and shall notify the lessees of the action.

b. All surveys for new area will be computed at a fifty foot offset from all existing leases. If applicant wishes to share

common boundaries with the adjacent lease or leases, the applicant must submit to the survey section written consent from the adjacent lease owner or owners (even if lease or leases are in same name as the applicant) no later than Thursday prior to the week the work is scheduled.

4. All applicants must appear in this office to place applications for survey and lease, or provide power of attorney to agents to act in their behalf.

5. Annual rental notices will be mailed to lessees at least 30 days in advance of due date which is January 1 of each year.

6. A fee of \$10 per lease will be charges for transfer of oyster lease.

7. A fee for all extra maps, leases, plats or documents, will be charged as follows:

All maps	\$ 10 per copy
Plats	\$ 5 per copy
Lease Documents	\$ 5 per copy
Other materials	\$ 1 per copy
Computations	\$ 2 per point
(Lambert to Latitude/Longitude)	

8. Survey Application Fees

a. Survey application fees for new leases will be as follows:

Acres	Dollars
10 or less	\$200
11 - 20	\$250
21 - 200	\$ 3.50 additional for each acre after 20
201 - 1000	\$ 2.00 additional for each acre after 200

An additional survey fee of \$10 for each shotpoint in excess of six, excluding shore shorts, will be paid prior to approval of any lease.

b. Survey application fees on leases expiring by 15-year limitation are established as follows:

Acres	Dollars
10 or less	\$150
11 - 20	\$250
21 - 200	\$ 2.50 additional for

201 - 1000

each acre after 20
\$ 1.50 additional for
each acre after 200

An additional survey fee of \$10 for each shotpoint in excess of six, excluding shore shots.

c. Survey application fees for RESTAKES of one's own lease are established as follows:

\$25 per shotpoint

d. Survey application fees for RESTAKES of someone else's lease are established as follows:

\$90 for the first two shotpoints
\$50 for each additional shotpoint thereafter

e. The Survey Section shall notify owner(s) of lease to be restaked.

C. Private Surveyors Surveying Oyster leases for Oyster Farmer

1. All surveyors must appear in person in the office of the Survey Section of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to research information pertinent to their surveys.

2. Surveyor to be charged the basic rate for copies of documents needed.

3. All controls and corners of oyster surveys to be tied into the Louisiana State Plane Coordinates System.

4. All surveys must comply with R.S. 56:427B which requires the lease not to exceed the initial application by more than 10 percent compliance by negotiation with the applicant. If unacceptable application will be cancelled and all fees forfeited.

5. Surveyors to execute properly survey's certificate appearing on reverse side of original application on file in the Oyster Lease Survey Section, or a photocopy of the original.

6. Surveyors must furnish the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Survey Section with the original field notes on standard 4-1/2 x 7-1/2 looseleaf sheets.

7. Surveyors to note in the original field notes any activity in or adjacent to or on surveyed area, or any existing structures, etc.

8. Survey plats to be drawn in black ink on forms furnished

by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Oyster Lease Section and original tracing to become the property of same.

9. The acreage of all surveys, even though calculated to tenth or hundredth of acre, to be rounded off to the next highest acre.

10. Application number and ownership on all survey plats to be shown on original application.

11. No land area to be included in survey. Probing to be done at random throughout the surveyed area to determine type of bottom and results noted on original field notes, along with tidal information.

12. Use standard signs and symbols.

13. If an applicant knowingly has a private surveyor survey over an existing lease, application, or land area, that application is cancelled and will constitute cause for the private surveyor to be barred from surveying oyster leases for a one-year period.

14. Noncompliance with any requirement established by law or by these rules, after 30-day notification from the department by certified mail, shall result in cancellation of the application and forfeiture of all fees to the department.

D. Complaints in the field are to be handled in the following manner.

1. The applicant should allow the survey to be completed in all situations. The surveyor has his instructions.

2. If the applicant is dissatisfied with the survey after completed, he may register his complaint with the survey office within 14 days of date of survey.

3. Survey crew is to note that the applicant will complete the survey under protest at time survey is being performed.

4. If the applicant prevents survey from being completed in the field, his application will be cancelled. The applicant has 14 days from postdate on letter notifying him of said cancellation to come into the office and pay survey fee and have application reinstated.

E. Oyster Lease Posting Requirements

In an effort to comply with R.S. 56:430, Paragraph B, and to keep within the constraints of Title 14, Section 63, dealing with

criminal trespassing, the following are the posting oyster lease requirements.

1. The oyster lessee or person seeking to post the oyster lease shall place and maintain signs along the boundaries of the property or area to be posted. These signs shall be written in the English language.

2. The signs shall have letters at least three inches in height and shall be of sufficient size and clarity to give notice to the public of the location and boundary of the oyster lease. The signs shall be placed and maintained at intervals of not more than one-fifth of a mile and shall be at least three to 12 feet above the water level.

3. At the main entrance to the property and at no less than all corners along the boundary of said property, the party seeking to post same shall include his name or initials in addition to the lease number.

4. In marsh areas and canals, posted signs shall also be placed at all major points of ingress and egress.

5. In open waters all signs are to be placed facing outward.

F. 1. Applications will remain in effect for a period of three years. At the end of three years any applications not surveyed by this department or a private surveyor will be cancelled.

2. Upon death of an applicant the estate will have 180 days to appoint a representative to deal with the survey of applications. If the department has not been notified within 180 days the application will be cancelled and survey fees will be retained.

3. No application for lease shall be transferrable.

4. An applicant will be required to outline on a department map the area for which he wishes to apply. Pursuant to R.S. 56:427(A), each element of the verbal description written on the application must be met by the survey plat. Additionally, the survey plat must conform completely to the map outline, attached to and made a part of the application; provided, however, that deviations from the map outline (but not the verbal written description) are permitted when such a deviation would not encroach on a neighboring lease or application, or when the signed, written consent of the leaseholder or applicant whose lease or application would be affected, has been granted. In no case will an applicant survey outside of his verbal written description, except as provided in 5.a.ii. below.

5. a. In the event of department error which results in an application being taken in an area where there is a prior undisclosed application or lease which prevents the applicant from taking the full amount of acreage applied for in the area described, the following procedure shall apply: the applicant shall have the option of

i. taking all available remaining acres within the originally described area in a lease and receiving a pro rata refund of unused survey application fees for any loss of acreage; or

ii. taking all applied-for acres in one lease outside of the originally described area but in the nearest unencumbered water bottom; or

iii. if neither of the above options is acceptable to the applicant, the applicant may have his original application cancelled and receive a full refund of the survey application fee.

b. The applicant shall have 30 days from the date of notification of the conflict to exercise the above options.

c. If the applicant exercises the option as set out in Paragraph 5.a.ii above he shall be held to the amount of acres in his original application plus 10 percent.

d. In all such cases, the department shall have final approval of all relocations.

e. Before having the relocation area surveyed, it shall be necessary for the applicant to submit a new application for the area of relocation. This application shall be identified as a "relocation" application and shall indicate the old application by number for which it is being substituted and shall also be approved in writing by the Undersecretary and the chief surveyor of the department.

f. All relocations shall follow this procedure. No survey shall proceed until the properly completed relocation application has been submitted, accepted and approved. No survey is authorized without the above procedure being followed nor shall the department be responsible for the cost of any survey performed prior to final approval of the relocated application.

6. No application for a new area will be accepted from any person not of the full age of majority (18 years).

H. Policy to comply with laws concerning default in payment of rent on oyster leases (Non-compliance R.S. 56:429).

1. On the first working day in February of each year, the Survey Section will compile a list of leases that are in default (R.S. 56:429). After compiling the list each owner will be notified by certified mail that his lease is in default and will be offered at public auction on the last Tuesday in March. He will also be notified that all works, improvements, betterments, and oysters on the leased area are the property of the state and that the Enforcement Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been so notified.

2. On the first working day following the last day of February all leases still in default will be advertised in a newspaper in the parish in which the lease is located. After the placement of the advertisement, advertisement cost will be added to the lease rent plus 10 percent. Up to and including the second Monday in March, the leases may be reinstated by payment of the rent due plus 10 percent and the advertising cost if applicable.

3. On the last Tuesday in March the auction will be held at a place to be designated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The auctioneer will be the chief surveyor or his designee. The opening bid for each lease will be the rent due plus 10 percent and advertising cost. All sales must be paid for in cash or by certified check. The auction will start with the lowest numbered lease and continue numerically until complete.

4. Any leases not sold at auction will be removed from the Survey Section maps. The area will be open and may be taken by application.

I. Procedures to comply with R.S. 56:432.

1. The Survey Section will keep an indexing system to determine the acreage held by all oyster lease holders.

2. No application will be accepted that will cause an applicant to exceed a total of 1000 acres under lease and application. Reference R.S. 56:432.

3. No lease will be issued to an oyster lease holder that will cause his account to exceed 1000 acres underlease unless he qualified for additional acres by the ownership of oyster canning plants.

4. An oyster lease applicant will be given 30 days to reduce lease acreage prior to cancellation of any application that would cause his lease acreage to exceed 1000 acres. If the reduction is not made within 30 days the application will be cancelled and all fees retained by the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R. 10:470 (June 1984), amended L.R. 12:844 (December 1986), amended L.R. 15:197 (March 1989), amended L.R. 17: (August 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

The Offshore Shrimp Line at Caillou Boca was brought before the Commission by Mr. Houston Foret.

Mr. Foret advised that last month Mr. Blanchard addressed the Commission on this matter. The line at Caillou Boca has been abused and is not where the Wildlife and Fisheries and Terrebonne Parish claim it is. When Doug Greenberg took office he moved the line about a half of mile further out; two years later he moved it back to the U.S. Coast Guard lighthouse which had been torn down and rebuilt further out. The line according to Louisiana law in latitude and longitude is 1/4 to 3/8 of a mile further in. The fishermen are not allowed to work this area and are asking the Commission to have Enforcement enforce the line according to Louisiana law and not according to the landmark that has been moved. Mr. Foret explained the difference between the lines (black, pink and yellow) to the Commissioners as shown on the map and how they were obtained. The question is what line would you use. Chairman Jenkins asked if technically the department is suppose to be enforcing the yellow line and asked Lt. Colonel Clark to address this.

Lt. Colonel Clark reported that in talking with the surveyors and all the people on the department's boats, when the line was shot the black line is 600 feet, instead of hitting Pass Wilson on the north side, to the west-southwest of where it touches land. On the south side where the light is 20 feet back to the west which is to the fishermen's benefit. The loran used by Mr. Foret is right, but all of the lorans are going to shoot different advised Lt. Colonel Clark and there is 2,000 foot error margin on the loran that is certified on enforcement's boat. It would be virtually impossible to use this from a loran standpoint commented Lt. Colonel Clark. Mr. Foret stated that while they were out running the lines the Riptide was out also and he asked them to use their loran and run the line. They advised that they had already done this and they found the same line as the yellow line. Lt. Colonel Clark advised that this was very possible. After further discussion on the line, Chairman Jenkins stated that he understands what is being said but it looks like they do not have a choice. The Commission cannot change the line, the legislature has to change the line. Lt. Colonel Clark stated the issue is 300 yards, but they would not mind having the line changed for everybody's benefit. Chairman

Jenkins advised that it looks like the appropriate solution would be next year get it amended in the legislature but until this happens the Commission cannot do anything about it except enforce it the way it is. Chairman Jenkins asked if anybody had any comments on this issue.

Mr. Daniel Blanchard, Terrebonne Parish, addressed the Commission. Mr. Blanchard stated he heard them talk about 300 yards but if he crosses that line 300 yards, he gets a ticket. He has an \$850 loran and knows how to use it. His loran is not off 2,000 feet and loran is the most accurate piece of equipment there is. Mr. Blanchard stated that they are asking the Commission and department to accept loran readings in latitude and longitude to correspond with what the Louisiana law says.

Mr. Ronald Picou, 602 San Antonio Boulevard, Houma, LA, addressed the Commission. Mr. Picou commented that the Commission, through Mr. Puckett's interpretation at the last meeting, advised that the changing of the line has to go through an act of the legislature. Under the circumstances the fishermen have to suffer for another year. Mr. Picou advised that he has been in touch with Senator Leonard Chabert to introduce this into an R.S. statute to revise the law and move the line and asked the Commission and agents to be patient with the fishermen and try to work with them on this. This controversial line has been costly to many of the fishermen. Concluding Mr. Picou stated that to whomever would be in touch with the Governor they would like to thank him for the veto of H.B. 998 (Capture Mariculture) and H.B. 1793 by the Terrebonne Fishermen's Organization that prohibits such an impoundment of the shrimp.

Mr. Johnny Redman, 305 Holland Drive, Houma, LA, addressed the Commission. Mr. Redman advised that he was trawling at Caillou Boca and he was issued a citation. He used his loran reading and usually turns a few degrees before the light. Yesterday morning when he turned on his reading the plane buzzed him, ticketed him and picked up all of his shrimp. All the shrimp on board was caught on the outside and not on the inside. If his boat drifted on the inside Mr. Redman stated that he was sorry but was not planning on doing it and does not believe he was wrong on his loran reading.

Chairman Jenkins recommended that the Commission might could sponsor a resolution when the legislature starts next year if Mr. Foret agreed with this. Mr. Foret acknowledged that he did and asked the Commission if they could not ask the agents to be a little easier. Chairman Jenkins stated that he did not want to be a part of asking anybody to do that but if Mr. Foret wanted to he guess he could but does not think they should. Mr. Foret commented that he was told that Terrebonne Parish was the most strict place in the whole state of Louisiana. While they were surveying a fisherman received a citation for a couple of hundred feet inside the light. The Captain on the Riptide told Mr. Foret that by the

way he sees the line right now there would have been no way that he would have issued a citation to those people. This tells Mr. Foret that in other areas the agents are not as strict as they are in Terrebonne Parish. Chairman Jenkins advised that they should handle this when the legislature is in session. Mr. Foret stated that would be fine.

Ms. Karen Foote presented Resolutions and Notices of Intent on Commercial Sales Card and Commercial Fishermen's Sales Report Form.

Ms. Foote first reported on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card: Dealer Receipt Form and presented a overhead. Ms. Foote advised that today she brings before the Commission a notice of intent and explained the notice and card to the Commissioners. The sales card will contain the commercial fisherman's name, commercial license number, commercial fisherman's social security number, expiration date and residency status. It is important from a licensing standpoint to have the residency status on the back of the card. According to law the commercial fisherman will bring this with him to the dealer at the time of sale. The dealer will imprint this on the receipt form. The receipt form will capture the commercial license number, expiration date and will also on the imprinting machine capture the dealer's license number. The information on the commercial gear used, time fished, location, where fish were landed, species purchased, amount of each species purchased, size and condition of each species landed and transaction date will also be captured on the card. The dealer's and fishermen's copy will have a total dollar value but the department's copy will not include the total dollar value. The dealers will be responsible for mailing these to the department. Ms. Foote presented the resolution pertaining to the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card: Dealer Receipt Form and read the "Be It Resolved" portions .

Continuing, Ms. Foote presented the notice of intent on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form and an overhead. Ms. Foote explained that this notice goes along the same lines as the one that she had just presented which was a dealer based reporting system provided in R.S. 56:303. This next system is provided in R.S. 56:345(B) advised Mr. Foote. The purpose of this system is to capture information on the direct sales from the commercial fishermen to anybody but a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The law provides that the Commission can promulgate a form for this purpose through the APA. The card that is being proposed is similar to the previous form except for the bottom left hand area where the gear, time, area, etc. information has been left off. This card will include the commercial fisherman's license number, species sold to anyone other than a wholesale/retail dealer, amount of each species sold, size and condition, and transaction date. Additionally on the fisherman's copies that he would retain there would be a dollar value that would not be on the department's copies. The law provides that these reports, as approved by the Commission, would be sent in on a monthly basis. These forms would

be used for each sale and would be collected by the commercial fisherman that is making direct sales and sent in monthly. Ms. Foote presented a resolution on the Commercial Fisherman' Sales Report Form and read the "Be It Resolved" portions.

Concluding, Ms. Foote advised that these were separate notices of intent and that in each notice a date is provided to receive public comments (November 15) on these proposed rules.

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commissioners on the Commercial Fisherman' Sales Card. Mr. Foret asked if where it says fish, does this included shrimp. Ms. Foote answered yes, it is the legal definition of fish which involves shrimp and living aquatic resources of sports or economic value. Mr. Foret asked if the department will furnish this form to the whole state of Louisiana. Ms. Foote answered yes. There will be no charge for the forms but a charge is being proposed for the embossing machines to recover the cost advised Ms. Foote. Legislation by Representative Randy Roach was passed in the last session that increased the gear fee for commercial gill nets that specifically said it could go toward the commercial licensing system. Mr. Foret asked about monthly mailings. Ms. Foote stated that the dealer will mail the forms in monthly and the department will provide as many forms as the dealer needs.

Chairman Jenkins called for public comments.

A gentleman from the audience asked about the size of the invoice. Ms. Foote stated that the legislation says it needs to be the size that would fit in an ordinary credit card machine. The gentleman stated that they were asking too much information to be put on the invoice. Mr. Foote advised that this system is modeled after a system used in Florida which has been successful there for three years. This is where Representative Roach looked into the system and came forward to the legislature with the system. Ms. Foote informed the audience that they know the industry is going to have a lot of comments on this and they have set the public comment period (written) through November 15 and would appreciate hearing from them. The department does plan to have an extensive effort on working with people to set up the form and making sure they know how to use it.

Another gentleman from the audience asked about the "B" part of the form and as he understands it you would be dealing directly with the fisherman. Ms. Foote stated that is correct. If a fisherman would retail to the ultimate consumer, selling his product off he would need to also fill out the document asked the gentleman. Mr. Foote answered correct, but what he would need to record was his license number and expiration date. The department does not expect the commercial fisherman to have the imprinting machine and the forms would be furnished to the commercial fisherman. The department is aware that there will be problems and they want to

hear from the people over the next few months as this goes out for public comment advised Ms. Foote.

A gentleman from the audience asked what was the reason for omitting the data on where the fish/shrimp were caught on the second form as this is very valuable information no matter whom you are selling to. Ms. Foote advised that there is no reason that it cannot be considered to have this on the form if there is enough public comment. The thought was that for the commercial fisherman to have a batch of fish on his truck which may have been caught in different locations it would be hard for him to keep track of where they came from.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion on the Notice of Intent on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card; Dealer Receipt Form. A motion was made by Mr. Schneider to adopt and seconded by Mr. Foret. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card: Dealer Receipt Form

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:303.7 requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries commission to establish a Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card and Receipt Form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen and

WHEREAS, Information provided by such a system is essential for fisheries management,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" and a four part dealer receipt form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen. The Notice of Intent attached to and made a part of this resolution is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and

preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

August 9, 1991

James H. Jenkins
Chairman

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

(The full text of the notice of intent is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fishermen's Sales Card" and a four-part dealer receipt form to be used by Wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen.

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provision

Section 101. Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card; Dealer Receipt Form

The proposed design and use are as follows:

A. The "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" shall be provided by the Department in lieu of the commercial fisherman's license. The card will be embossed with the following information:

1. Commercial fisherman's name
2. Commercial license number
3. Commercial fisherman's social security number
4. Expiration date
5. Residency status

B. The card shall be presented by the commercial fisherman to the wholesale/retail dealer at the time of sale.

C. The dealer receipt form shall be a four-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale.

1. Commercial fisherman's license number
2. Commercial fisherman's license expiration date
3. Wholesale/retail dealer's name
4. Wholesale/retail dealer's license number
5. Information on commercial gear used
6. Information on time fished
7. Information on location fished and fish landed
8. Species purchased
9. Amount of each species purchased
10. Size and condition of each species landed
11. Transaction date

D. The dealer and fisherman's copies of the receipt will provide space to record dollar value of the sale.

E. The dealer receipt form shall be used when fish are purchased or received from commercial fishermen. The portions of the dealer receipt form designated as "Department Copy" shall be returned to the Department by the 10th of each month to include purchases made during the previous month. Completed receipt forms shall be mailed to a pre-determined address designated by the Department. Commercial wholesale/retail dealers are responsible for obtaining dealer receipt forms from the Department and are responsible for filling in all information on the form. Imprinting machines will be sold by the Department to the dealers at the Department's total cost. Only Department issued or approved imprinting machines shall be used.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to the following address before November 15, 1991: Karen Foote, Administrator, Fisheries Research Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:303.7

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (1991).

James H. Jenkins
Chairman

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion on the Notice of Intent for the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form. A motion was made by Mr. Schneider to adopt and was seconded by Mr. Foret. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:345(B) requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a Commercial Fisherman's Report Form to be used by commercial fishermen to report in detail the quantity of each kind of fish sold to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer, and

WHEREAS, Information provided by such a system is essential for fisheries management,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form" that consists of a four part report form to be used by commercial fishermen to report in detail the quantity of each kind of fish sold to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The Notice of Intent attached to and make a part of this resolution is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

August 9, 1991

James H. Jenkins
Chairman

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

(The full text of the notice of
intent is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form" that shall be filed monthly by commercial fishermen that sell fish to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer.

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provision
Section 103. Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form

The proposed design and use are as follows:

A. The report form shall be a four-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale by commercial fishermen to anyone other than resident wholesale/retail dealers.

1. Commercial fisherman's license number
2. Species sold to anyone other than a wholesale/retail dealer
3. Amount of each species sold
4. Size and condition of each species sold
5. Transaction date

B. The commercial fisherman's copies of the report form will provide space to record dollar value of the sale.

C. the report form shall be used when fish are sold by commercial fishermen to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The portions of the report form designated as "Department Copy" shall be returned to the Department by the 10th of each month to include sales during the previous month. Completed report forms shall be mailed to pre-determined address designated by the Department. Commercial fishermen are responsible for obtaining report forms from the Department and are responsible for filling in all of the information on the form.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to the following address before November 15, 1991: Karen Foote,

Administrator, Fisheries Research Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:56:345(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (1991).

James H. Jenkins
Chairman

Mr. Bennie Fontenot presented the Rule on Netting Prohibition, False River and Lake Concordia for Ratification and the Rule on Netting Prohibition, Bartholomew Lake.

Mr. Fontenot reported that in False River Lake and Concordia Lake gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines are being prohibited. In Bartholomew Lake, in addition to gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines, hoop nets are also being prohibited. These lakes do not support a viable fishery, especially those typically harvested with gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines concluded Mr. Fontenot.

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission. There being none he called for comments from the public. There being no comments from the public Chairman Jenkins called for a motion on False River Lake and Concordia Lake. Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the rule on False River Lake and Lake Concordia. The motion was seconded by Captain Vujnovich and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the rule is made
a part of the record)

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

Section 157. Netting Prohibition - False River Lake and Lake Concordia

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in False River Lake located in Pointe Coupee' Parish, and in Lake Concordia located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Said netting ban will become effective Friday, September 20, 1991.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).
HISTORICAL NOTE: promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (September 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission. There being none he called for comments from the public. There being no comments Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to adopt the rule on Lake Bartholomew. Mr. McCall made a motion for adoption. The motion was seconded by Mc. Jones and passed unanimously

(The full text of the rule is made
a part of the record)

RULE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

TITLE 76 WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter I. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

Section 155. Netting Prohibition - Bartholomew Lake

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets and fish seines in Bartholomew Lake located in Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes, Louisiana. Said netting ban will become effective Friday, September 20, 1991.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (September 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

The Tentative Dates for the 1991-92 Duck, Coot and Goose Hunting Seasons were presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman and Mr. Robert Helm.

Mr. Bateman advised that the department has just completed an extensive series of meetings starting back in June regrading waterfowl hunting season dates. Mr. Bateman asked Mr. Robert Helm, Waterfowl Biologist, to present information relating to the duck and goose production.

Mr. Helm gave a slide presentation and report on the ducks that breed in North America and the outlook of the upcoming season. Mr. Helm discussed the prairie pothole region which is the most well known area, 300,000 square miles, and produces traditionally most of the birds. This area has been most affected by man, particularly in agriculture. When you get out of the prairie you get into the prairie parkland region where there are more trees and agriculture is also present pointed out Mr. Helm. This area, when wet, also produces a significant amount of ducks each year. In northern Canada and Alaska there is basically a forest situation with deep water lakes and beaver ponds. Traditionally sixty percent of the breeding ducks were found in the prairie pothole regions. The 1980's have seen a big shift in this whereas sixty percent of the ducks are now found in northern Canada and Alaska. This indicated overflight of the prairies because of the drought.

Surveys were conducted in May with the outlook just before May being as bleak as it had been in the past ten years. However, in late April and early May things begin to turn around with a lot of rainfall. The ground was so dry that very little of the rain was available for runoff to fill the wetlands. The rains did encourage a lush vegetative growth and improved nesting conditions somewhat. The bottomline on the water in May was that in prairie Canada the ponds numbers fell about ten percent and increased about five percent in the northcentral U.S. An index was developed in May of the number of breeding ducks available. Mallard populations remain basically unchanged from 1990 remaining about five and a half million. Pintails continue to fall and falling an additional twenty percent in the breeding population. This is sixty two percent below the long term which is a thirty year average. Blue Wing Teal has had a big rebound movement this year. They jumped up thirty four percent. The total ducks, bottomline, with the breeding ducks was up six percent from 1990. Green Wings and

Gadwalds are above the thirty year average. Scalp increased twenty five percent.

A second survey was conducted where an estimate of the number of ponds available for broods and ducks was developed. The May, June and July period in Canada and northcentral U.S. this year was one of the wettest on record. In some areas there were three to four hundred percent more rainfall than average. This stimulated plant growth and improved conditions for nesting ducks and will particularly benefit the birds that re-nest. Research was done on nesting female mallards and they found nesting attempts up to five times on some of the birds. In prairie Canada the July pond numbers went up to almost a hundred percent. At this time of the year this is the most optimistic situation that has been seeing in the prairie pothole region in the past ten years commented Mr. Helm. In July an index was developed called the Fall Flight Index which is an estimate of the total number of ducks on all four flyways. This year this is about sixty million which is up slightly from fifty seven million last year.

The geese are continuing to do real well. White-fronts, Snows and Canadas which use Louisiana in the winter are continuing to do well and they nest far to the north of the duck breeding area in the far arctic. The spring thaw in this area was early this year and provided good nesting conditions for the geese.

Mr. Helm pointed out a slide on a dead bird pickup that was conducted on Catahoula Lake two winters ago. Approximately five hundred dead ducks were picked up. It was part of a lead poisoning die off that occurred during the winter in which eight to ten thousands ducks were estimated to have been lost. There is a special Catahoula Lake Zone proposed this year to address this issue concluded Mr. Helm.

Mr. Bateman continued and advised that at the last Commission meeting they had delayed any action on rails and gallinules and these dates will also be set tentatively by the Commission today. Mr. Bateman presented the following recommendations for migratory game birds including ducks, geese, coots, rails and gallinules.

Ducks and Coots (Closed Season on Canvasbacks)

West Zone:	Nov. 16 (Sat.)-Dec. 6 (Fri.)	21 days
	Dec. 28 (Sat.)-Jan. 5 (Sun.)	9 days
East Zone:	Nov. 23 (Sat.)-Dec. 1 (Sun.)	9 days
	Dec. 16 (Mon.)-Jan. 5 (Sun.)	21 days
Experimental Catahoula Lake Zone (NEW) -		
	Nov. 23 (Sat.)-Dec. 22 (Sun.)	30 days

All of Catahoula Lake including those portions known locally as Round Prairie, Catfish Prairie and Frazier's Arm.

Daily Bag Limit: The daily bag limit on ducks is 3 and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail and 1 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Mergansers: The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

Possession Limit: The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

Geese: Statewide
 Nov. 16 (Sat.)-Dec. 7 (Sat.) 22 days

 Dec. 14 (Sat.)-Jan. 30 (Thurs.) 48 days
 Jan. 31 (Fri.)-Feb. 9 (Sun.) 10 days (Snow geese only)

Daily Bag Limit: Daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of blue, snow and white-fronted geese of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted (specklebellies) except as noted below. During the last 10 days (Jan. 31-Feb. 9), only blue and snow geese may be taken. During the Experimental Canada Goose Season (Jan. 22-Jan. 30) the daily bag limit for Canada and white-fronted geese is 2, of which not more than 1 can be a Canada goose. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Experimental Canada Goose Season - Jan. 22 (Wed.)-Jan. 30 (Thurs.) 9 days

An experimental Canada goose season will be open in a portion of southwest Louisiana. The area shall be described as follows:

Easterly from the Texas line along Hwy. 12 to Ragley; then easterly along U.S. 190 from Ragley to its junction with I-49 near Opelousas; then south along I-49 to its junction with Hwy. 167 near Lafayette; then south along Hwy. 167 from Lafayette to its junction with Hwy. 82 at Abbeville; then

south and west along Hwy. 82 to the Intracoastal Waterway at Forked Island; then westerly along the Intracoastal Waterway from Forked Island to the juncture of the Intracoastal Waterway and the Calcasieu Ship Channel; then south along the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel to Hwy. 82 at Cameron, then westerly along Hwy. 82 to the Texas State line. All lands lying within these boundaries shall be open for the Experimental Canada Goose Season EXCEPT all open water of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River from the Hwy. 14 bridge southward.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the Experimental Canada Goose Season. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from the Lake Charles, Opelousas and Baton Rouge Offices.

Return of harvest information requested on the permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 1992 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the Experimental Canada Goose Season the following year.

Rails - Nov. 16-Jan. 20

King and Clapper - daily bag limit is 15 in the aggregate, possession 30.

Sora and Virginia - daily bag and possession limit is 25 in the aggregate.

Gallinule - Nov. 16-Jan. 20. Daily bag limit is 15, possession 30.

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Mr. Bateman pointed out that after five years of gradual implementation, 1991-92 will have a statewide requirement for steel shot in Louisiana which is the Federal regulation for trying and correct the lead poisoning problem. From this point forward anybody hunting waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots) in Louisiana will be required to have "steel shot only" in their possession. Mr. Jones asked about rails and gallinules. Mr. Bateman advises that this is a requirement for ducks, geese and coots, not rails and gallinules.

Chairman Jenkins asked if the Commissioners had any questions. Mr. McCall asked how many geese were killed in the special season last year. Mr. Helm answered approximately five hundred. Mr. McCall asked if this number was more or less of what the department expected. Mr. Helm advised that it was a lot less. There were

fourteen hundred permits issued. The season was very well received and went off smoothly.

There being no more questions from the Commissioners, Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the public.

A gentleman from the audience asked about the steel shot controversy about crippling. Mr. Bateman answered that this particular subject has been a key question since steel shot came on the scene fifteen years ago. There have been numerous studies conducted to determine whether or not there was a great increase in crippling loss with steel. A couple of studies, particularly one in Louisiana, showed that there was some increase in crippling loss but the technology of munitions development and production has resulted in improvements over the steel shot that was available in the mid-70s. A better shell has been produced and hunters using it have learned how to shoot it. The bottom line is that now it is felt like there is a much greater savings in migratory birds to be gained by switching to steel shot than would be lost by any insignificant increase in crippling lost stated Mr. Bateman.

There being no other comments, Chairman Jenkins called on a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. McCall made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schneider and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 9, 1991

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Cocodrie, LA, August 9, 1991.

- WHEREAS, Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, has attended public hearings in Washington, D.C. on upland migratory birds and waterfowl, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing upland migratory season framework have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for upland migratory species including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for upland migratory species within the constraints of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of Emergency will be in effect beginning September 7, 1991 and extends through sunset February 23, 1992, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulation set for Louisiana's 1991-92 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

A. Kell McInnis III, Acting
Secretary, LA Dept. Wildlife
and Fisheries

James H. Jenkins, Jr. Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries Comm.

Mr. Dave Morrison gave a report on the 1991 LA Duck Stamp Competition.

Mr. Morrison informed the Commission that for informational purposes they want to officially announce the fourth year duck stamp competition. This year the competition will be held on November 6 at the Baton Rouge office. The species that will be featured on this year's design is going to be the Pintail. This has been a very successful program for the department. There is probably an excess of \$1.6 million dollars currently in the duck stamp fund advised Mr. Morrison and asked for questions.

Mr. Jones stated that he had heard some interesting comments about the duck stamp. This came from a collector of national duck stamps. He said that for years he had collected and had held great anticipation of a Louisiana duck stamp coming out but was someone upset when he found out that the artists were to be limited to Louisiana artists because it took away some great artist potential and value to the duck stamp itself. He reiterated the fact that it would be of more value and more of a collector's item if a Louisiana artist beat all the rest of the artists in the world to

have the Louisiana duck stamp as opposed to isolating it once again to Louisiana artists. Mr. Jones stated that the intent, he is sure, was to help Louisiana artists but in turn it really has not done this, it has hurt the Duck Stamp Program a great deal and asked Mr. Morrison if wouldn't he agree. Mr. Morrison commented that he would tend to agree with Mr. Jones. The department's original outlook was to commission an artist. If an artist could not be commissioned the department wanted to have a national competition but ended up with residency requirements for the first three years. At last years legislative session the Duck Stamp Act was amended to include artists domiciled in or native of Louisiana. This has broadened the scope for selection advised Mr. Morrison and will be in effect for about five years. After a short discussion on the domiciled/native requirement Mr. Jones stated that each year this continues the state is not benefitting from the Duck Stamp Program in the way they possibly could if they had a Louisiana artist beat all the artists in the country. Mr. Morrison pointed out that sales figures fell from about fifteen thousand first year to twenty five hundred second year. This is a tremendous decline. Mr. Jones stated that it could potentially come back up if national artists were brought in and a Louisiana artist beat all of them, which they could do. The Commission and department cannot do anything about this issue and it would be up to the legislature. This has not been to the benefit of Wildlife and Fisheries, it has been to the detriment of the department's purse that they have continued to force the department to live under the rule explained Mr. Jones. A gentleman from the audience asked if they thought the decline was related to the amount of people who stopped duck hunting. Mr. Morrison pointed out that the stamp is sold, a lot of times, as a collector's item and the department does understand that the first of state is going to generate an extremely high amount of sales and the second and third years due subsequently fall off, but the magnitude of the decline is driven by the artist and who the artist is. At this point Mr. Morrison read from the law pertaining to the residency of artist which read "the artist shall be selected by a competition which shall be opened to all artists who are either domiciled in or natives of Louisiana". Mr. Puckett, legal counsel, explained what domiciled meant.

Chairman Jenkins asked Mr. Morrison if he needed any action. Mr. Morrison advised that this was just for informational purposes.

The Minerals Committee Report and Recommendations; Shell Dredging, Central Coast Lease(s) were brought before the Commission by Mr. Warren Pol.

Mr. Pol reported that the bids for the mineral dredging were taken Friday a week ago. At that particular time the high bidder was Louisiana Dredging Company. The committee which was composed of James Jenkins, Jeff Schneider and Mr. Pol reviewed the bids and went over them with the Legal Section of the department. It is the recommendation of the committee to the Commission that the high bid

be awarded to Louisiana Dredging Company. Louisiana Dredging Company's bid was approximately triple what the department is getting now for the shell advised Mr. Pol.

At this point in the meeting the Commission Award of Bid(s); Shell Dredging Lease(s), Central Coast was awarded.

Mr. Puckett, legal counsel, for the record advised that two bids were submitted. The bid that was submitted by Dravo Basic Materials Company, Inc. was a 1/7 fractional portion of a selling price of \$10.80 which yielded \$1.54 per cubic yard. The bid submitted by Louisiana Dredging Company for tracts 1 and 2 was a 1/8 fractional portion of a selling price per cubic yard of \$21.36 which yielded a royalty to the department of \$2.67 per cubic yard. Both bids were for tracts 1 and 2 in globo concluded Mr. Puckett. Chairman Jenkins asked if there were any questions from the Commissioners about the bids. There being none Chairman Jenkins asked Mr. Puckett to read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portion of the resolution.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Pol made the motion for adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall. Chairman Jenkins called for comments from the public. There being none he called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
AWARD OF SHELL DREDGING LEASE

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited bids for shell dredging leases for Tracts 1 and 2, said tracts having been previously described for formal action of this Commission;

And it being the recommendation of the Minerals Committee that the bid most advantageous to the state is that submitted by Louisiana Dredging Company for Said tracts 1 and 2 in globo;

and the Commission accepting the recommendation of the Minerals Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally award the lease for said Tracts 1 and 2 to Louisiana Dredging Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized representative of Louisiana Dredging Company shall be immediately furnished with copies of the lease which lease shall be returned to

the Department for execution no later than twenty (20) days from today's date along with the requisite performance bonds and certificates of insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby designate A. Kell McInnis, III, Acting Secretary of the Department, or his designee, as its agent for execution of this lease and any other necessary documents, and to perform any and all other acts necessary to effectuate this lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the return of the lease form and the other requisite documents, the lease shall be simultaneously executed by the Acting Secretary, or his designee, and the duly authorized corporate agent of Louisiana Dredging Company at the office of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on the ____ day of _____, 1991.

A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary

Two Resolutions For Approval of Land Acquisitions were brought before the Commission by Mr. Hugh Bateman and Dr. Robert H. Chabreck.

Mr. Bateman explained that this resolution will obtain the Commission's permission for the department to proceed with the acquisition of a 161 acre tract of land in Catahoula Parish Louisiana which is an inholding within the Sicily Island Hills Wildlife Management Area. The location of the land makes it desirable for the department to acquire. All the proper procedures and authorities have been received by the department. The purchase price is \$40,000.00 for the 161 acres and brings it to \$248.44 per acre concluded Mr. Bateman.

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission. There being none he called for questions from the public. Chairman Jenkins asked Mr. Bateman to read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portion of the resolution.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to adopt the resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Schneider. The motion passed unanimously

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT COCODRIE, LA. AUG. 9, 1991

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of acquiring lands for outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has an active land acquisition program, and

WHEREAS, the game division staff, in concurrence with the land acquisition committee, have actively pursued purchase of a certain 161 acre tract of land in Catahoula parish, and

WHEREAS, this activity has resulted in the negotiation of a Purchase Agreement which has been agreed to by both Davidson College and this Department, and

WHEREAS, the purchase price which has been agreed upon is forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to consummate these negotiations through Cash Sale and to acquire said lands and include these lands into the Department's Wildlife Management Area program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly acquired lands be included and made a part of the Sicily Island Hills WMA which has previously been Proclaimed by the Governor.

A. Kell McInnis III	James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Acting Secretary, LA Dept. of	Chairman, LA Wildlife and
Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission	

Continuing with land acquisition Dr. Robert Chabreck reported that the department has two types of lands that they manage. They are the wildlife refuges and the wildlife management areas. The area that is being proposed is to be designated as a Habitat Conservation Area advised Dr. Chabreck. The area is in West Feliciana Parish and consist of 581 acres. The area shall be known as the Tunic Hills Habitat Conservation Area. The purchase price that has been agreed is \$400,000. The resolution, which the Commission will be asked to approve, will authorize the purchase

of the area. Dr. Chabreck proceeded to read the resolution. The area is a old age stand timber about twelve miles northwest of St. Francisville.

Chairman Jenkins asked if the Commission had any questions. Mr. Jones asked how the department was planning on managing this area as a Habitat Conservation outdoor recreation area. Dr. Chabreck advised that it is set up under the Natural Heritage Program and is a unique habitat that has been identified in Louisiana. The area will be managed for public recreation and use. It will also be opened for public hunting.

Mr. Pol advised that if the committee met on this land acquisition he was not invited and recommended that they defer on this item. Acting Secretary McInnis stated that based on the Acquisition Task Force approval and the information available a closing has been scheduled and is within the designated time frame that is necessary to effectuate the purchase of August 20th. Acting Secretary asked the Commission to take this into consideration and asked that they have a special meeting between now and that date if it is deferred. Mr. Pol stated that he will meet at anytime when he is invited but was not invited on this and it did not come before the committee as a whole. Dr. Chabreck advised that there was a meeting that was held and Mr. Johnnie Tarver brought this up. Mr. Pol commented that this was not approved. Chairman Jenkins stating "if time is a question" recommended that a motion be made to approve this resolution subject to the committee meeting approving it. Mr. Pol advised that this was fine with him.

Mr. Schneider made a motion that this resolution be approved subject to the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously. Chairman Jenkins advised that this was deferred subject to a meeting of the committee which will be scheduled as soon as possible.

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT COCODRIE, LA AUG. 9, 1991

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries both recognize the value of acquiring lands for habitat conservation and outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has an active land acquisition program, and

WHEREAS, the habitat conservation division staff, in concurrence with appointed commission members, have actively pursued purchase of a certain 581 acre tract of land in West Feliciana Parish, and

WHEREAS, this activity has resulted in the negotiation of a Purchase Agreement which has been accepted by both Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation and this Department, and

WHEREAS, the purchase price which has been agreed upon is four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to consummate these negotiations through Cash Sale and to acquire said lands and include these lands into the Department's Habitat Conservation Area program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said lands be designated as the Tunica Hills Habitat Conservation Area.

A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary, LA Dept.
of Wildlife & Fisheries

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance Recognition (RAMSAR Treaty Designation) was presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman and Mr. Jimmy Emfinger.

Mr. Bateman advised that Mr. Jimmy Emfinger, Waterfowl Coordinator, will be handling this item and the only comment he would like to offer is that the department has been working on this for about a year and a half and have gone through a fairly extensive effort with the Fish and Wildlife Service and several other agencies to get this accomplished. Mr. Bateman asked Mr. Emfinger to give the details on this item to the Commission.

Mr. Emfinger reported that in May 1990 the staff submitted the paperwork necessary to have Catahoula Lake which is located in central Louisiana designated as a wetland of international importance through the Convention of Wetlands of International Importance sometimes known as the RAMSAR Convention. This convention is named after a city in Iran where the guidelines of the convention were adopted. Designation of Catahoula Lake was acknowledged in June of 1991. This makes the tenth site so designated in the United States. Some other sites that have been included are the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Everglades National Park, Chesapeake Bay and the Lower White River Cache River Basin in Arkansas. Designation as a wetland of international importance recognizes a wide use concept of management. These

wetlands need not be nature preserves. Some exploitation of the wetland is allowed as long as the integrity of the wetland is maintained. Designation will bring much needed attention to Catahoula Lake and could also be used to prevent any upsetting of the natural integrity or its value for wildlife. Mr. Emfinger read the resolution before the Commission. The designation ceremonies have been set for October 27 at Pineville, Louisiana, in association with the Annual Catahoula Waterfowl Festival concluded Mr. Emfinger.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion on the resolution. A motion was made by Mr. McCall for approval and seconded by Mr. Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Emfinger, at this point in the meeting, passed out the State Action Plan for the North American Waterfowl Management to each Commissioner. This plan outlines the state's activities towards meeting the goals of the North American. Acting Secretary McInnis reiterated that the dedication ceremonies for Catahoula Lake will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m., October 27 in Pineville, on the southern end of the lake during the Catahoula Lake Duck Festival. Mr. Emfinger advised that there are tentative plans for scheduling a field trip on the lake on Saturday afternoon, October 26. The details are being worked out now and stated Mr. Emfinger and invited the Commission members to attend.

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COCODRIE, LA, AUGUST 9,
1991

- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of wetlands to wildlife, and
- WHEREAS, Catahoula Lake has long been recognized as an important wintering area for waterfowl, shore/wading birds, and other forms of wildlife, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has petitioned the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to designate Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance in accordance with the terms of Article 2.5

of the Convention of Wetlands of International Importance, and

WHEREAS, the Convention has approved this request and has designated Catahoula Lake as such, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby endorse and support the designation of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to accept the site diploma on behalf of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

A. Kell McInnis III, Acting
Secretary, LA Dept. Wildlife
and Fisheries

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries
Fisheries Commission

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for July was given by Lt. Colonel Charlie Clark.

Lt. Colonel Clark advised that he would also be reporting on the wholesale activity and actual reporting. This report will show the number of man hours carried in each region, the number of citations that were issued, the businesses or persons that were checked or attempted to check. This is an ongoing program and is something that enforcement is doing every day. The number of hours were quite substantial with 1,216 hours spent on this activity with 234 citations out of 620 attempts being issued.

The following citations were issued in the different regions.

Region I - Minden - 138 cases. There were 59 boating cases; 30 angling without a license; 2 undersized black bass; 3 thefts of pond raised fish; 22 failed to report commercial fishery data; 6 violations were for hunting; 8 for alligator; 2 DWI's in boats; and 1 littering case. Confiscations included 5 alligators and 9 undersized black bass.

Region II - Monroe - 111 cases. There were 39 boating cases; 61 angling without a license; 1 failure to report commercial fishery data; 5 violations for hunting; 1 possession of undersized commercial fish; and 1 DWI's in boats. No confiscations.

Region III - Alexandria - 231 cases. There were 101 boating cases; 89 angling without a license; 18 fishing without a resident pole license; 4 taking and possession of undersized gamefish; 2 failure

to have commercial license in possession; 1 sell commercial fish without a wholesale/retail license; 6 failed to report commercial fishery data; 2 hunting cases; 3 criminal trespassing; and 2 littering. Confiscated were 684 pounds of catfish; a spotted fawn; 6 hp. Yamaha outboard motor; 25 hp. Evinrude; 2 black bass and 3 pounds of shrimp (roadside stand)

Region IV - Ferriday - 154 cases. There were 61 boating cases; 67 angling without a license; 12 commercial fishing violations; 7 failed to report commercial fishery data; 2 hunting from a moving vehicle; 11 hunting altogether; 1 littering; and 1 operating a ATV on a public road. Confiscated were 16 bass; 41 bream; 52 white perch; 8 catfish; alligator hide; shocking device; rabbit; hoop nets; 2 cast nets; dip nets; 1 fourteen foot boat; and a trailer with a 15 hp. motor

Region V - Lake Charles - 222 cases. There were 62 boating cases; 78 fishing without a license; 21 possession over the limit of red drum; 6 commercial violations within the 30 failure to maintain report data on commercial fishery; 2 trawling in closed season; and 14 littering. Confiscated were 13 red drum; 2 black drum; 8 catfish; 3 crabs; 8 hoop nets; 2 butterfly nets; and 350 pounds of shrimp.

Region VI - Opelousas - 223 cases. There were 123 boating cases; 41 angling without a license; 15 fishing without a resident pole license; 9 taking over the limit of undersized gamefish; 2 taking undersized red drum; 2 taking undersize spotted seatrout; 1 possession undersized black drum; 2 selling without wholesale/retail license; 1 taking possession of undersized fish; 23 failure to report fishery data; 2 trawling in closed season; and 2 DWI's. Confiscated were 2 trout; 2 redfish; 313 sac-a-lait; and 56 bass.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 355 cases. There were 121 boating cases; 139 fishing without a license; 1 taking commercial fish without a commercial license; 1 catching fish without a gear license; 2 selling without wholesale/retail dealer's license; 77 failure to report commercial fishery data; 1 hunting turkey without a resident big game; 3 taking alligators closed season; 3 possession of live alligators without a permit; 1 resisting arrest; 1 DWI; and 5 littering. Confiscated were 1 alligator; and 1,200 foot of gill net.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 254 cases. There were 33 cases for angling without a license; 4 angling without a saltwater license; 52 commercial fishery violations; 101 failure to report commercial fishery data; 3 trawling in closed season; 3 taking alligators without a license; 3 taking and possessing alligators in closed seasons; 2 possession of live alligators without a permit; and 1 DWI. Confiscated were 38 gill nets totaling 10,560 foot; boat and trailer; oyster dredge; 3 trawls; rifle; truck; 2 copies of

records; 15 sacks of oysters; catfish; 10 pounds of shrimp; 3 boxes of crabs; and 1,148 pounds of fish which sold for \$1,761.00.

Region IX - Gray - 508 cases. There were 82 boating cases; 132 fishing without a license; 49 angling without a saltwater license; 127 commercial fishing violations; 1 DWI; 1 flight from an officer; 1 taking and possession of alligators in closed season; and 2 illegal possession of alligator eggs and hides. Confiscated were 185 seatrout; 30 black drum; 52 reds; 125 black bass; 5,721 pounds of shrimp; 80 pounds of catfish; 181 crabs; 2 snappers; 25 sacks of oysters; 4 spanish mackerel; 5 alligators; dove; bluejays; 10 squirrels; 4 commercial licenses; 18 butterfly nets; 90 hp. outboard motor; 4 trawls; and a oyster dredge.

The Oyster Strike Force had a total of 52 cases with just about all of them involving illegal oyster fishing or without a license. One trawling in closed season case was made; four unattended gill net cases; and six boating safety citations. Confiscated were 4 boats; 3 dredges; 65 sacks of oysters; and 400 pounds of shrimp.

Mr. Pol asked what did the department get for the 5,700 pounds of shrimp, where they sold. Lt. Colonel Clark stated yes they were sold and he would have to get that information for Mr. Pol.

There were 22 citations given by the SWEP section with all of them trawling in closed season. Confiscated were 18 trawls, 2,742 pounds of shrimp that sold for \$3,750.75.

Total cases for the month of July were 2,264 with 2,145 being enforcement and the rest being other concluded Lt. Colonel Clark.

A Resolution for the 1991 Louisiana National Hunting and Fishing Day was presented by Mr. Bob Dennie.

Mr. Dennie stated that today he would like to ask the Commission to accept the resolution on Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day. Mr. Dennie proceeded to read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portion of the resolution proclaiming September 29, 1991, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day and urges all citizens to join with the sportsmen and conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of the natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations and to take part in Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day activities. This year the Honorary Chairman of National Hunting and Fishing Day is President George Bush.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the resolution)

LA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition, and

WHEREAS, since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the funding of state fish and game departments in all fifty states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies, in the last fifty years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were fifty years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefitted numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, through their publications and organizations such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission here by proclaiming September 28, 1991, as Louisiana's National hunting and Fishing Day in Louisiana. The Commission urges all of our citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations. Further, the Commission urges all citizens to take part in Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day activities on September 18, 1991, to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

The **Date for the November Meeting** was set. The date for the November Commission meeting was set for November 8, 1991, to be held in Baton Rouge at the Wildlife and Fisheries building at 10 a.m.

Acting Secretary A. Kell McInnis III gave the **Acting Secretary's Report to the Commission.**

Acting Secretary McInnis reported that very shortly a summation of all the bills that the department tracked through the regular legislative session will be provided to the Commission and staff. During the special session there were three bills pertaining to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries introduced. The only one that made progress was the one dedicating waterfowl week in Mer Rouge, Louisiana.

The Lifetime License passed and will be available in January 1992. The Credit Card System was pushed through and given funding and the department will be working on this. The sales card license will assist in refining the process and make it more affective for the fishermen. The information gained by the department is very beneficial. The redfish was named as a gamefish but more important to the department and Commission is that the Commission was given the authority to manage both redfish (red drum) and spotted seatrout (speckled trout) advised Acting Secretary McInnis. In the near future there will be recommendations from staff as to some potential methods to handle this for the Commission's consideration. There were several bills on different types of gear (oysters and shrimp), where you could drag, what needed to be posted that were cleanup rules that were proposed by local legislators trying to iron out differences. There was a prohibition for the department or the Secretary issuing any type of permit that allowed culling in a closed area. The department worked with the Department of Health to resolve this situation with legislation being introduced and approved. Now by permit the department can work with people involved with depuration operation to get this moving without being in violation of the law.

Last week the Oysters Growers and Dealers Association met in New Orleans. It was pointed out that they have had a very difficult time in the last two years. Mother nature created havoc in the oyster industry. The industry is working hard to overcome, not only bad press, but some difficult times with the fresh water. In conjunction with this staff members and Acting Secretary McInnis will be attending the International Shellfish Conference scheduled next week to work with the oyster industry.

Another thing that has been in the news a lot advised Acting Secretary McInnis are the fish kills that have taken place. People have called the department and have asked why we were not involved in monitoring the fish kills. The department is involved and the staff is working very closely with the Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Agriculture trying to identify and get numbers on these fish that have been killed. It is not within the jurisdiction of the department to ascertain the reason for the kill but lies within the other departments. However, if it is determined that any individual has in violation of the law caused one of these fish kills the department's through its civil penalties process will pursue. The department is monitoring the situation and if this is the case will move forward as quickly as possible.

As far as civil penalties are concerned the legal staff is working with the administrative people trying to ascertain exactly where they are with those civil penalties that have not been paid. The department will be pursuing these shortly. In the next thirty to sixty days there will be some litigation filed to enforce these particular civil penalties.

The Habitat Conservation Section has been very busy. They have been working with LSU as well as the Fisheries Division on the four or five rivers that have been designated as scenic rivers. They have also been working with the Fish and Wildlife Service on the red-cockaded woodpecker situation.

Acting Secretary McInnis advised that one final thing he would like to recognize is that one of the staff members, Wade Byrd, was honored recently by the Issak Walton League for the show done on outdoor ethics on "Louisiana Conservationist". A plaque was awarded to Mr. Byrd and will be housed at the Wildlife and Fisheries office advised Acting Secretary McInnis.

Chairman Jenkins stated that on the new laws on the redfish and speckled trout he would like to ask Dr. Clark a couple of things. Chairman Jenkins asked Dr. Clark to tell them a little bit about the particulars of the fisheries policy that was passed.

Dr. Clark advised that the fisheries policy is a relatively complicated document. It includes definitions, whole series of principles, objectives for fisheries management and how all of these are going to melt together and make fisheries policy for the state. This policy is going to be equal to and like the process of the Magnenson Act in the Federal waters because it was basically modeled after the Magnenson Act which has been in place since 1976. This act has been discussed and argued ever since and Dr. Clark believes that the policy is going to have that kind of impact on what is going on in Louisiana.

Chairman Jenkins asked who is going to develop the criteria, is the department going to get together and develop some options, for the next meeting, for the Commission to look at on the way to improve the speckled trout fishery? Dr. Clark advised that if the Commission would like for the department to do this, they can. Mr. Pol stated that they had talked with Acting Secretary McInnis about this a couple of weeks ago and they had thought he had told Dr. Clark that they would like to have this for the next meeting. Chairman Jenkins asked Dr. Clark to get together whatever he can for the September meeting, in terms of options, for the Commission to look at. Mr. Pol commented that two years ago they brought people to Baton Rouge to meet with the department about sanctuaries on Vermilion and since that time he has not heard anything further about this. Dr. Clark advised that the department is just a few months away from having a first draft of the Shrimp Management Plan and within the plan sanctuaries will be discussed. Dr. Clark suggested that if the department is going to bring forward to the Commission some options on managing spotted seatrout this will break some new ground for the Commission. By this he means the department normally brings to the Commission a resolution and/or a recommendation for Commission action by staff and sometimes not always present data, figures, overheads, slides, etc. If the department is going to go into preparing options Dr. Clark suggested that they set aside at least a couple of hours, maybe more, for this agenda item. Chairman Jenkins asked if there was a Commission Marine Finfish Committee and if not they could appoint one. Chairman Jenkins suggested that this committee could work with Dr. Clark and the staff thus saving a lot of the time that would be used at a public meeting. Dr. Clark stated that the department is at the Commission's disposal. Mr. Pol and Mr. Schneider indicated that they would serve on the committee. Dr. Clark requested that this committee meet for a whole day with staff. Chairman Jenkins directed Dr. Clark to pick a day that the committee and staff could meet at which time they would try to get as much done as they could for the September meeting. Dr. Clark advised that his goal would be to take the committee through step one all the way. Mr. Pol stated that the Commission is not looking to complicate this issue. The gill netting season begins again September 1, 1991. The Commission is looking for some kind of a recommendation or plan that is simple for the Commission. The Commission does not want the netting season to run again for another eleven or twelve months and would like some options that the Commission can look at and see that will be fair to both the commercial and recreational fishermen. Dr. Clark stated that he is not suggesting complicated solutions but that simple solutions often need complicated discussions.

Chairman Jenkins called for Public Comments.

Mr. George Barisich, commercial fisherman from St. Bernard Parish, addressed the Commission. Mr. Barisich had addressed the Commission at an earlier date and advised that he is protesting the

same problem, just a different resource, the unwarranty closing of the Breton - Chandeleur Sound. There is no accurate biological data to substantiate the closing. When it was reopened for four nights and five days the shrimp that were harvested were 31-35 or 26-30 count brown shrimp. There were no substantial amount of juvenile white shrimp harvested yet the fishermen are still prohibited from harvesting the brown shrimp that are there now. Last year's closure of the sound was financially devastating to Louisiana and its residential fishermen. Ninety five percent of the out of season cases last year were against out-of-state boats. The end result was that Louisiana boats were prohibited from harvesting a good crop of mature brown shrimp and all the economy benefits of shrimp production and processing were bypassed the state. Therefore, not only were Louisiana shrimp fishermen hurt but the state itself suffered. The fishermen cannot survive by many more of the closures. The system that is rapidly developing is producing far reaching counter productive results. The fishermen need to know for future years what the trend is going to be because if more unwarranty closures are in sight the fishermen have to start something now, legislatively, to protect themselves. Mr. Barrisich advised that he was authorized to ask the Commission to use its emergency power and reopen the sound so that the mature brown shrimp are not lost and asked if anybody can give him some insight as to why the sound was closed.

Chairman Jenkins asked if there were any volunteers. Captain Vujnovich stated that he has had about forty telephone calls asking that the Commission try and keep the shrimp season open and suggested that maybe they can try to do the same thing with the sound like they do for Grand Isle. Mr. Barrisich offered his help to the department in this matter.

Mr. Foret asked Mr. Barrisich if he felt like the sound should be opened year round. Mr. Barrisich stated that he did. Mr. Foret asked if the shrimp in the sound migrate as much in that area as they do in other parts of the state. Mr. Barrisich stated that they are going to come in and out with the tide.

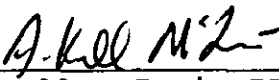
Chairman Jenkins advised that the Commission and department were going to work on this and called for further public comments.

Mr. Jones advised that there was a lot of discussion at the last Commission meeting concerning the wildlife management areas and how the policies were going to change. In the interim Mr. Jones has had some meetings with groups on the other side who were somewhat unaware of what exactly the position was on how the check stations were going to be manned on the wildlife management areas. Mr. Jones suggested that a press release be sent out that would indicated what the true intentions were going to be. The department needs to think about how they are going to do this as it will be a personnel headache stated Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones made the suggestion that a formal press release be done to let these

people know the pro-active stance that is being taken as opposed to re-acting on it.

Acting Secretary McInnis advised Mr. Jones that he has no problem with developing a press release that will help the public understand this and stated that he was somewhat dismayed that those individuals who met with Mr. Jones expressed surprise in as much as Mr. Bateman and other members of the staff met with them on three separate occasions and explained all of this to them. The department will put out a formal news release just so the public will have a good perception of what is going on advised Acting Secretary McInnis.

There being no other business or public comments, Chairman Jenkins called for a motion for Adjournment. Mr. McCall made a motion that the August 9, 1991, Commission meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Captain Vujnovich and passed unanimously.



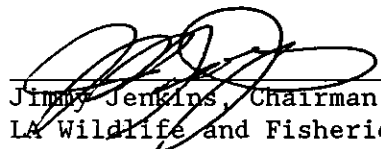
A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

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RESOLUTION

1991/92 Season on The Public Oyster Grounds
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 9, 1991 LUMCON, Cocodrie, Louisiana

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1991 is September 4, and
- WHEREAS, 1991 has been an abnormal environmental year causing significant oyster mortalities, and
- WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservations have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and
- WHEREAS, it has been a managerial practice to rotate the opening of the season on some of the "Oyster Seed Reservation" when biologically feasible, and
- WHEREAS, the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" was open during the 90/91 oyster season, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise October 1, 1991, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" will remain closed during the 1991/92 oyster season, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the three "Oyster Seed Reservations" will close 1/2 hour after sunset October 11, 1991, however, the Public Oyster Seed Grounds will remain open until April 1, 1992, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if a significant amount of oysters are available, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that oysters for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type container, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the season the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open on October 15, 1991 and remain open until and including March 1, 1992, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.


Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries Commission


A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form

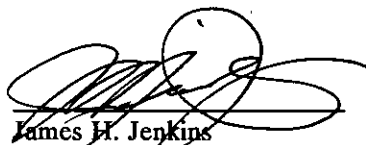
WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:345(B) requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a Commercial Fisherman's Report Form to be used by commercial fishermen to report in detail the quantity of each kind of fish sold to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer, and

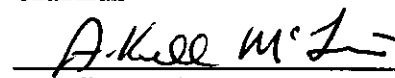
WHEREAS, Information provided by such a system is essential for fisheries management,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana ~~Department of~~ Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form" that consists of a four part report form to be used by commercial fishermen to report in detail the quantity of each kind of fish sold to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The Notice of Intent attached to and made a part of this resolution is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

August 9, 1991


James H. Jenkins
Chairman


A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form" that shall be filed monthly by commercial fishermen that sell fish to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer.

The proposed design and use are as follows:

Title 76 Wildlife and Fisheries Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provisions

Section 103. Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form

The report form shall be a four-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale by commercial fishermen to anyone other than resident wholesale/retail dealers.

1. Commercial fisherman's license number
2. Species sold to anyone other than a wholesale/retail dealer
3. Amount of each species sold
4. Size and condition of each species sold
5. Transaction date

Additionally, the commercial fisherman's copies of the report form will provide space to record dollar value of the sale.

The report form shall be used when fish are sold by commercial fishermen to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The portions of the report form designated as "Department Copy" shall be returned to the Department by the 10th of each month to include sales during the previous month. Completed report

forms shall be mailed to a pre-determined address designated by the Department. Commercial fishermen are responsible for obtaining report forms from the Department and are responsible for filling in all of the information on the form.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to the following address before November 15, 1991: Karen Foote, Administrator, Fisheries Research Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in accordance with RS 56:345(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (1991)



James H. Jenkins
Chairman

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card: Dealer Receipt Form

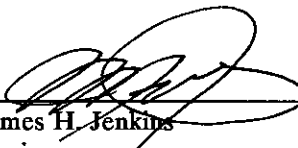
WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:303.7 requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card and Receipt Form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen and


WHEREAS, Information provided by such a system is essential for fisheries management,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana ~~Department of~~ Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" and a four part dealer receipt form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen. The Notice of Intent attached to and made a part of this resolution is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

August 9, 1991


James H. Jenkins
Chairman


A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" and a four-part dealer receipt form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen.

The proposed design and use are as follows:

Title 76 Wildlife and Fisheries Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provisions

Section 101. Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card; Dealer Receipt Form

The "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" shall be provided by the Department in lieu of the commercial fisherman's license. The card will be embossed with the following information:

1. Commercial fisherman's name
2. Commercial license number
3. Commercial fisherman's social security number
4. Expiration date
5. Residency status

The Card shall be presented by the commercial fisherman to the wholesale/retail dealer at the time of sale.

The dealer receipt form shall be a four-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale.

1. Commercial fisherman's license number
2. Commercial fisherman's license expiration date

3. Wholesale/retail dealer's name
4. Wholesale/retail dealer's license number
5. Information on commercial gear used
6. Information on time fished
7. Information on location fished and fish landed
8. Species purchased
9. Amount of each species purchased
10. Size and condition of each species landed
11. Transaction date

Additionally, the dealer and fisherman's copies of the receipt will provide space to record dollar value of the sale.

The dealer receipt form shall be used when fish are purchased or received from commercial fishermen. The portions of the dealer receipt form designated as "Department Copy" shall be returned to the Department by the 10th of each month to include purchases made during the previous month. Completed receipt forms shall be mailed to a pre-determined address designated by the Department. Commercial wholesale/retail dealers are responsible for obtaining dealer receipt forms from the Department and are responsible for filling in all of the information on the form. Imprinting machines will be sold by the Department to the dealers at the Department's total cost. Only Department issued or approved imprinting machines shall be used.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to the following address before November 15, 1991: Karen Foote, Administrator, Fisheries Research Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in accordance with RS 56:303.7.

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James H. Jenkins
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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT COCODRIE, LA. AUG.9,1991

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of acquiring lands for outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has an active land acquisition program, and

WHEREAS, the game division staff, in concurrence with the land acquisition committee, have actively pursued purchase of a certain 161 acre tract of land in Catahoula parish, and

WHEREAS, this activity has resulted in the negotiation of a Purchase Agreement which has been agreed to by both Davidson College and this Department, and

WHEREAS, the purchase price which has been agreed upon is forty thousand dollars (\$ 40,000.00), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to consummate these negotiations through Cash Sale and to acquire said lands and include these lands into the Departments Wildlife Management Area program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly acquired lands be included and made a part of the Sicily Island Hills WMA which has previously been Proclamated by the Governor.



A. Kell McInnis III, Acting Sec.
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

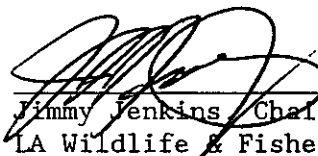



James H. Jenkins, Jr. Chairman,
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.

RESOLUTION

1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 9, 1991 - Cocodrie, Louisiana

- WHEREAS, R.S.56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and
- WHEREAS, R.S.56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data, and
- WHEREAS, R.S.49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S.49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and
- WHEREAS, R.S.56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and
- WHEREAS, Historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in both Zones 1 and 2 of coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S.56:498 by mid August, and
- WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and
- WHEREAS, in 1991 the third Monday in August will be August 19,
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1991 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, by public notice in accordance with R.S.56:497.3, to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1 and 2 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19, 1991,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1991 Fall inshore white shrimp season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.


Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission


A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 9, 1991

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Cocodrie, LA, August 9, 1991.

WHEREAS, Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, has attended public hearings in Washington, D.C. on upland migratory birds and waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and


WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing migratory season framework have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl, rails and gallinules that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

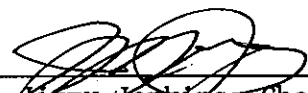
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for migratory species within the constraints of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish tentative season dates, bag limits and shooting hours for ducks, coots, geese, rails and gallinules, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will be adopted as a Declaration of Emergency in September provided no changes are mandated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



A. Kell McInnis, III, Acting Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries



Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

TENTATIVE SEASON DATES
FOR
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS
INCLUDING
DUCKS, GEESE, COOTS, RAILS AND GALLINULES

Ducks and Coots (Closed Season on Canvasbacks)

West Zone: Nov. 16 (Sat.)-Dec. 6 (Fri.) 21 days
Dec. 28 (Sat.)-Jan. 5 (Sun.) 9 days

East Zone: Nov. 23 (Sat.)-Dec. 1 (Sun.) 9 days
Dec. 16 (Mon.)-Jan. 5 (Sun.) 21 days

Experimental Catahoula Lake Zone (NEW) -
Nov. 23 (Sat.)-Dec. 22 (Sun.) 30 days

All of Catahoula Lake including those portions known locally as Round Prairie, Catfish Prairie and Frazier's Arm.

Daily Bag Limit: The daily bag limit on ducks is 3 and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail and 1 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Mergansers: The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

Possession Limit: The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

Geese: Statewide
Nov. 16 (Sat.)-Dec. 7 (Sat.) 22 days
Dec. 14 (Sat.)-Jan. 30 (Thurs.) 48 days
Jan. 31 (Fri.)-Feb. 9 (Sun.) 10 days (Snow geese only)

Daily Bag Limit: Daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of blue, snow and white-fronted geese of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted (specklebellies) except as noted below. During the last 10 days (Jan. 31-Feb. 9), only blue and snow geese may be taken. During the Experimental Canada Goose Season (Jan. 22-Jan. 30) the daily bag limit for Canada and white-fronted geese is 2, of which not more than 1 can be a Canada goose. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Experimental Canada Goose Season - Jan. 22 (Wed.)-Jan. 30 (Thurs.) 9 ~~days~~

An experimental Canada goose season will be open in a portion of southwest Louisiana. The area shall be described as follows:

Easterly from the Texas line along Hwy. 12 to Ragley; then easterly along U.S. 190 from Ragley to its junction with I-49 near Opelousas; then south along I-49 to its junction with Hwy. 167 near Lafayette; then south along Hwy. 167 from Lafayette to its junction with Hwy. 82 at Abbeville; then south and west along Hwy. 82 to the Intracoastal Waterway at Forked Island; then westerly along the Intracoastal Waterway from Forked Island to the juncture of the Intracoastal Waterway and the Calcasieu Ship Channel; then south along the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel to Hwy. 82 at Cameron, then westerly along Hwy. 82 to the Texas State line. All lands lying within these boundaries shall be open for the Experimental Canada Goose Season EXCEPT all open water of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River from the Hwy. 14 bridge southward.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the Experimental Canada Goose Season. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from the Lake Charles, Opelousas and Baton Rouge Offices.

Return of harvest information requested on the permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 1992 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the Experimental Canada Goose Season the following year.

Rails - Nov. 16-Jan. 20

King and Clapper - daily bag limit is 15 in the aggregate, possession 30.

Sora and Virginia - daily bag and possession limit is 25 in the aggregate.

Gallinule - Nov. 16-Jan. 20. Daily bag limit is 15, possession 30.

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of acquiring lands for habitat conservation and outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has an active land acquisition program, and


WHEREAS, the habitat conservation division staff, in concurrence with appointed commission members, have actively pursued purchase of a certain 581 acre tract of land in West Feliciana Parish, and

WHEREAS, this activity has resulted in the negotiation of a Purchase Agreement which has been accepted by both Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation and this Department, and


WHEREAS, the purchase price which has been agreed upon is four-hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to consummate these negotiations through Cash Sale and to acquire said lands and include these lands into the Department's Habitat Conservation Area program,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said lands be designated as the Tunica Hills Habitat Conservation Area.




A. Kell McInnis III, Acting Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries




James H. Jenkins, Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

LA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY
RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition, and
- WHEREAS, since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the funding of state fish and game departments in all fifty states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies, in the last fifty years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs, and
- WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were fifty years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefitted numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development, and
- WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans, and
- WHEREAS, through their publications and organizations such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission here by proclaiming September 28, 1991, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day in Louisiana. The Commission urges all of our citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations. Further, the Commission urges all citizens to take part in Louisiana's National Hunting & Fishing Day activities on September 28, 1991, to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.


James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman


A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 9, 1991

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WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing upland migratory season framework have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and


WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for upland migratory species including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for upland migratory species within the constraints of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of Emergency will be in effect beginning September 7, 1991 and extends through sunset February 23, 1992, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulation set for Louisiana's 1991-92 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.



A. Kell McInnis, III, Acting Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries



Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedures Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following Emergency Rule:

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Jimmy Jenkins
Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COCODRIE, LA. AUGUST 9, 1991.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of wetlands to wildlife, and

WHEREAS, Catahoula Lake has long been recognized as an important wintering area for waterfowl, shore/wading birds, and other forms of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has petitioned the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to designate Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance in accordance with the terms of Article 2.5 of the Convention of Wetlands of International Importance, and

WHEREAS, the Convention has approved this request and has designated Catahoula Lake as such, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby endorse and support the designation of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to accept the site diploma on behalf of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



A. Kell McInnis III, Acting
Secretary La. Dept. Wildlife
and Fisheries



James H. Jenkins Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

RESOLUTION

AWARD OF SHELL DREDGING LEASE

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited bids for shell dredging leases for Tracts 1 and 2, said tracts having been previously described by formal action of this Commission;

And it being the recommendation of the Minerals Committee that the bid most advantageous to the state is that submitted by **LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY** for said Tracts 1 and 2 in globo;

And the Commission accepting the recommendation of the Minerals Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally award the lease for said Tracts 1 and 2 to **LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY**.

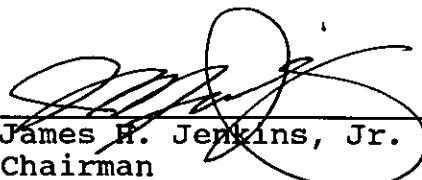
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized representative of **LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY** shall be immediately furnished with copies of the lease which lease shall be returned to the Department for execution no later than twenty (20) days from today's date along with the requisite performance bonds and certificates of insurance.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby designate A. Kell McInnis, III, Acting Secretary of the Department, or his designee, as its agent for execution of this lease and any other necessary documents, and to perform any and all other acts necessary to effectuate this lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the return of the lease form and the other requisite documents, the lease shall be simultaneously executed by the Acting Secretary, or his designee, and the duly authorized corporate agent of **LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY** at the office of the

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was duly
passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
on the 9th day of August, 1991.


James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman


A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

CHAPTER I. FRESHWATER SPORT AND COMMERCIAL FISHING

SECTION 157. NETTING PROHIBITION - FALSE RIVER LAKE AND LAKE CONCORDIA

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in False River Lake located in Pointe Coupee' Parish, and in Lake Concordia located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Said netting ban will become effective Friday, September 20, 1991.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R. 17: (September, 1991).


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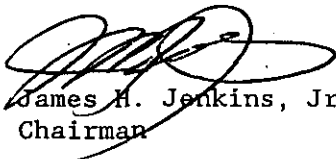
CHAPTER I. FRESHWATER SPORT AND COMMERCIAL FISHING

SECTION 155. NETTING PROHIBITION - BARTHOLOMEW LAKE

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets and fish seines in Bartholomew Lake located in Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes, Louisiana. Said netting ban will become effective Friday, September 20, 1991.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL
Friday, August 9, 1991
Cocodrie, LA
LUMCON

	Attended	Absent
Jimmy Jenkins (Chairman)	✓	—
Houston Foret	✓	—
Bert Jones	✓	—
Norman McCall	✓	—
Warren Pol	✓	—
Jeff	✓	—
John Schneider	—	—
Peter Vujnovich	✓	—

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Acting Secretary Kell McInnis is also present.

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LUMCON
COCODRIE, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 9, 1991

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 1991.
3. Appreciations Presentation to ALBC - A. Kell McInnis III
4. Emergency Declaration and Resolution - Dove, Snipe and Woodcock Season Dates - Hugh Bateman
5. Ratification of Rule on Oyster Lease Moratorium and Oyster Lease Application - Bettsie Baker
6. Offshore Shrimp Line at Caillou Boca - Houston Foret
7. Notices of Intent on Commercial Sales Card and Commercial Fishermen's Sales Report Form - Karen Foote
8. Ratification of Rule on Netting Prohibition, False River Lake and Lake Concordia - Bennie Fontenot
9. Ratification of Rule on Netting Prohibition, Bartholomew Lake - Bennie Fontenot
10. Setting of the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season - John Roussel
11. Setting of 91/92 Season on Public Oyster Seed Grounds - Ron Dugas
12. Set Tentative Dates for 1991-92 Duck, Coot and Goose Hunting Seasons - Robert Helm
13. 1991 Louisiana Duck Stamp Competition - Dave Morrison
14. Land Acquisition Approval, Resolutions - Hugh Bateman/
Dr. Robert Chabreck
15. Recognition of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance (RAMSAR Treaty Designation) - Hugh Bateman
16. Monthly Law Enforcement Report - Colonel Winton Vidrine
17. Resolution for 1991 Louisiana National Hunting and Fishing Day - A. Kell McInnis III
18. Acting Secretary's Report to the Commission - A. Kell McInnis III

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19. Set Date for November Meeting
20. Minerals Committee Report and Recommendations: Shell Dredging, Central Coast Lease(s) - Minerals Committee
21. Commission Award of Bid(s); Shell Dredging Lease(s), Central Coast
22. Public Comments

RESOLUTION
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Louisiana Department of Wildlife
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Commission

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Chairman

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does adopt the following rule regarding Oyster Lease Moratorium.

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

Chapter 5. Oysters

Section 500. Lifting of Oyster Lease Moratorium

A. The moratorium for the taking of oyster lease applications established by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in April, 1978, will be permanently lifted. At that time applications for oyster leases will be accepted in accordance with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations and the procedures set out below. One week prior to the date that the moratorium is lifted, the date, time and place where applications are to be taken will be publicly advertised. For purposes of and only for purposes of this final lifting of the moratorium, the New Orleans Royal Street office will not be the site.

B. On the date for taking of applications only one applicant will be allowed in the office to take one application. The applicant will have fifteen minutes to designate the area he wishes to apply for.

C. Applications will be taken twenty-four hours a day (on a first come basis) until the department feels the influx of people

can be handled at the regular office hours at the New Orleans Office, at which time anyone will be able to take an application.

D. After applicant pays the application and survey fees he may return to the end of the line for another application.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R. 17: (August 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is hereby amending and adopting the following rule regarding Oyster Leases.

TITLE 76

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

Chapter 5. Oysters

Section 501. Oyster Leases

A. Office Policies and Procedures

1. Office hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding state holidays.

2. No one is to go into the lease document or quadrangle files, or application registration without permission of and accompaniment by designated office personnel.

B. The taking of Oyster Lease Applications

1. There shall be a 50-foot buffer zone established between new leases. However, by mutual written consent of applicants of adjacent water bottoms the lease boundaries may be common.

a. Where distances between oyster leases or between oyster leases and the shoreline are 200 feet or less, no applications or leases shall be taken or issued except that the intervening space

may be shared equally by the existing leases or applicants if properly applied for and leased in accordance with existing policies and practices.

b. No new application will be taken or lease issued whose length exceeds its narrowest width by more than a factor of three except as follows:

i. between existing leases where all available water bottoms are taken;

ii. in bayous (or similar configurations connections or cuts between bays, lakes and ponds, etc.) where all available water bottoms are taken with a subservient clause prohibiting an impedance of reasonable navigation;

c. Any application for an oyster lease may be contoured to follow the shoreline.

d. No application will be taken to incorporate an existing lease or leases plus additional acreage when less than three years remain in the terms(s) of said lease or leases.

2. If an applicant does not keep his appointment with a surveyor his application will be cancelled. The applicant will be notified of action taken and be given an opportunity to reinstate

the application with an additional payment of the survey fee within 14 days of the cancellation notice. When the department surveyor cannot keep his appointment all efforts will be made to notify the applicant.

3. a. If any survey of existing leases by the surveyor of the department shows an overlap, the department will abstract the leases involved and eliminate the overlap, giving the area to the longest continuously uninterrupted lease and shall notify the lessees of the action.

b. All surveys for new area will be computed at a 50-foot offset from all existing leases. If applicant wishes to share common boundaries with the adjacent lease or leases, the applicant must submit to the survey section written consent from the adjacent lease owner or owners (even if lease or leases are in same name as the applicant) no later than Thursday prior to the week the work is scheduled.

4. All applicants must appear in this office to place applications for survey and lease, or provide power of attorney to agents to act in their behalf.

5. Annual rental notices will be mailed to lessees at least 30 days in advance of due date which is January 1 of each year.

6. A fee of \$10 per lease will be charges for transfer of oyster lease.

7. A fee for all extra maps, leases, plats or documents, will be charged as follows:

All maps	\$ 10 per copy
Plats	\$ 5 per copy
Lease Documents	\$ 5 per copy
Other materials	\$ 1 per copy
Computations	\$ 2 per point
(Lambert to Latitude/Longitude)	

8. Survey Application Fees

a. Survey application fees for new leases will be as follows:

Acres	Dollars
10 or less	\$200
11 - 20	\$250
21 - 200	\$ 3.50 additional for each acre after 20
201 - 1000	\$ 2.00 additional for each acre after 200

An additional survey fee of \$10 for each shotpoint in excess of six, excluding shore shorts, will be paid prior to approval of any lease.

b. Survey application fees on leases expiring by 15-year limitation are established as follows:

Acres	Dollars
10 or less	\$150
11 - 20	\$250
21 - 200	\$ 2.50 additional for each acre after 20
201 - 1000	\$ 1.50 additional for each acre after 200

An additional survey fee of \$10 for each shotpoint in excess of six, excluding shore shots.

c. Survey application fees for RESTAKES of one's own lease are established as follows:

\$25 per shotpoint

d. Survey application fees for RESTAKES of someone else's lease are established as follows:

\$90 for the first two shotpoints

\$50 for each additional shotpoint thereafter

e. The Survey Section shall notify owner(s) of lease to be restaked.

C. Private Surveyors Surveying Oyster leases for Oyster Farmer

1. All surveyors must appear in person in the office of the Survey Section of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to research information pertinent to their surveys.

2. Surveyor to be charged the basic rate for copies of documents needed.

3. All controls and corners of oyster surveys to be tied into the Louisiana State Plane Coordinates System.

4. All surveys must comply with R.S. 56:427B which requires the lease not to exceed the initial application by more than 10 percent compliance by negotiation with the applicant. If unacceptable application will be cancelled and all fees forfeited.

5. Surveyors to execute properly survey's certificate appearing on reverse side of original application on file in the

6. Surveyors must furnish the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Survey Section with the original field notes on standard 4-1/2 x 7-1/2 looseleaf sheets.

7. Surveyors to note in the original field notes any activity in or adjacent to or on surveyed area, or any existing structures, etc.

8. Survey plats to be drawn in black ink on forms furnished by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Oyster Lease Section and original tracing to become the property of same.

9. The acreage of all surveys, even though calculated to tenth or hundredth of acre, to be rounded off to the next highest acre.

10. Application number and ownership on all survey plats to be shown on original application.

11. No land area to be included in survey. Probing to be done at random throughout the surveyed area to determine type of bottom and results noted on original field notes, along with tidal information.

12. Use standard signs and symbols.

13. If an applicant knowingly has a private surveyor survey over an existing lease, application, or land area, that application is cancelled and will constitute cause for the private surveyor to be barred from surveying oyster leases for a one-year period.

14. Noncompliance with any requirement established by law or by these rules, after 30-day notification from the department by certified mail, shall result in cancellation of the application and forfeiture of all fees to the department.

D. Complaints in the field are to be handled in the following manner.

1. The applicant should allow the survey to be completed in all situations. The surveyor has his instructions.

2. If the applicant is dissatisfied with the survey after completed, he may register his complaint with the survey office within 14 days of date of survey.

3. Survey crew is to note that the applicant will complete the survey under protest at time survey is being performed.

4. If the applicant prevents survey from being completed in

the field, his application will be cancelled. The applicant has 14 days from postdate on letter notifying him of said cancellation to come into the office and pay survey fee and have application reinstated.

E. Oyster Lease Posting Requirements

In an effort to comply with R.S. 56:430, Paragraph B, and to keep within the constraints of Title 14, Section 63, dealing with criminal trespassing, the following are the posting oyster lease requirements.

1. The oyster lessee or person seeking to post the oyster lease shall place and maintain signs along the boundaries of the property or area to be posted. These signs shall be written in the English language.

2. The signs shall have letters at least three inches in height and shall be of sufficient size and clarity to give notice to the public of the location and boundary of the oyster lease. The signs shall be placed and maintained at intervals of not more than one-fifth of a mile and shall be at least three to 12 feet above the water level.

3. At the main entrance to the property and at no less than all corners along the boundary of said property, the party seeking

to post same shall include his name or initials in addition to the lease number.

4. In marsh areas and canals, posted signs shall also be placed at all major points of ingress and egress.

5. In open waters all signs are to be placed facing outward.

F. 1. Applications will remain in effect for a period of three years. At the end of three years any applications not surveyed by this department or a private surveyor will be cancelled.

2. Upon death of an applicant the estate will have 180 days to appoint a representative to deal with the survey of applications. If the department has not been notified within 180 days the application will be cancelled and survey fees will be retained.

3. No application for lease shall be transferrable.

4. An applicant will be required to outline on a department map the area for which he wishes to apply. Pursuant to R.S. 56:427(A), each element of the verbal description written on the application must be met by the survey plat. Additionally, the survey plat must conform completely to the map outline, attached

to and made a part of the application; provided, however, that deviations from the map outline (but not the verbal written description) are permitted when such a deviation would not encroach on a neighboring lease or application, or when the signed, written consent of the leaseholder or applicant whose lease or application would be affected, has been granted. In no case will an applicant survey outside of his verbal written description, except as provided in 5.a.ii. below.

5. a. In the event of department error which results in an application being taken in an area where there is a prior undisclosed application or lease which prevents the applicant from taking the full amount of acreage applied for in the area described, the following procedure shall apply: the applicant shall have the option of

i. taking all available remaining acres within the originally described area in a lease and receiving a pro rata refund of unused survey application fees for any loss of acreage; or

ii. taking all applied-for acres in one lease outside of the originally described area but in the nearest unencumbered water bottom; or

iii. if neither of the above options is acceptable to the

applicant, the applicant may have his original application cancelled and receive a full refund of the survey application fee.

b. The applicant shall have 30 days from the date of notification of the conflict to exercise the above options.

c. If the applicant exercises the option as set out in Paragraph 5.a.ii above he shall be held to the amount of acres in his original application plus 10 percent.

d. In all such cases, the department shall have final approval of all relocations.

e. Before having the relocation area surveyed, it shall be necessary for the applicant to submit a new application for the area of relocation. This application shall be identified as a "relocation" application and shall indicate the old application by number for which it is being substituted and shall also be approved in writing by the Undersecretary and the chief surveyor of the department.

f. All relocations shall follow this procedure. No survey shall proceed until the properly completed relocation application has been submitted, accepted and approved. No survey is authorized without the above procedure being followed nor shall the department be responsible for the cost of any survey performed

prior to final approval of the relocated application.

6. No application for a new area will be accepted from any person not of the full age of majority (18 years).

H. Policy to comply with laws concerning default in payment of rent on oyster leases (Non-compliance R.S. 56:429).

1. On the first working day in February of each year, the Survey Section will compile a list of leases that are in default (R.S. 56:429). After compiling the list each owner will be notified by certified mail that his lease is in default and will be offered at public auction on the last Tuesday in March. He will also be notified that all works, improvements, betterments, and oysters on the leased area are the property of the state and that the Enforcement Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been so notified.

2. On the first working day following the last day of February all leases still in default will be advertised in a newspaper in the parish in which the lease is located. After the placement of the advertisement, advertisement cost will be added to the lease rent plus 10 percent. Up to and including the second Monday in March, the leases may be reinstated by payment of the rent due plus 10 percent and the advertising cost if applicable.

3. On the last Tuesday in March the auction will be held at a place to be designated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The auctioneer will be the chief surveyor or his designee. The opening bid for each lease will be the rent due plus 10 percent and advertising cost. All sales must be paid for in cash or by certified check. The auction will start with the lowest numbered lease and continue numerically until complete.

4. Any leases not sold at auction will be removed from the Survey Section maps. The area will be open and may be taken by application.

I. Procedures to comply with R.S. 56:432.

1. The Survey Section will keep an indexing system to determine the acreage held by all oyster lease holders.

2. No application will be accepted that will cause an applicant to exceed a total of 1000 acres under lease and application. Reference R.S. 56:432.

3. No lease will be issued to an oyster lease holder that will cause his account to exceed 1000 acres underlease unless he qualified for additional acres by the ownership of oyster canning plants.

4. An oyster lease applicant will be given 30 days to reduce lease acreage prior to cancellation of any application that would cause his lease acreage to exceed 1000 acres. If the reduction is not made within 30 days the application will be cancelled and all fees retained by the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R. 10:470 (June 1984), amended L.R. 12:844 (December 1986), amended L.R. 15:197 (March 1989), amended L.R. 17: (August 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" and a four-part dealer receipt form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen.

The proposed design and use are as follows:

Title 76
Wildlife and Fisheries
Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provisions

Section 101. Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card; Dealer Receipt Form

A. The "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" shall be provided by the Department in lieu of the commercial fisherman's license. The card will be embossed with the following information:

1. Commercial fisherman's name
2. Commercial license number
3. Commercial fisherman's social security number
4. Expiration date
5. Residency status

B. The Card shall be presented by the commercial fisherman to the wholesale/retail dealer at the time of sale.

C. The dealer receipt form shall be a four-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale.

1. Commercial fisherman's license number
2. Commercial fisherman's license expiration date

3. Wholesale/retail dealer's name
4. Wholesale/retail dealer's license number
5. Information on commercial gear used
6. Information on time fished
7. Information on location fished and fish landed
8. Species purchased
9. Amount of each species purchased
10. Size and condition of each species landed
11. Transaction date

~~D.~~ ^I Additionally, the dealer and fisherman's copies of the receipt will provide space to record dollar value of the sale.

~~E.~~ The dealer receipt form shall be used when fish are purchased or received from commercial fishermen. The portions of the dealer receipt form designated as "Department Copy" shall be returned to the Department by the 10th of each month to include purchases made during the previous month. Completed receipt forms shall be mailed to a pre-determined address designated by the Department. Commercial wholesale/retail dealers are responsible for obtaining dealer receipt forms from the Department and are responsible for filling in all of the information on the form. Imprinting machines will be sold by the Department to the dealers at the Department's total cost. Only Department issued or approved imprinting machines shall be used.

~~F.~~ *Design-Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card; Dealer Receipt Form*
(Put Card Design)

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to the following address before November 15, 1991: Karen Foote, Administrator, Fisheries Research Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, ~~Box~~ Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

~~AUTHORITY NOTE:~~ Promulgated by the ~~Department of Wildlife and Fisheries~~ in accordance with RS 56:303.7.

~~HISTORICAL NOTE:~~ Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: () 1991)

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card: Dealer Receipt Form

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:303.7 requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card and Receipt Form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen and

WHEREAS, Information provided by such a system is essential for fisheries management,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana ~~Department of~~ Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" and a four part dealer receipt form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen. The Notice of Intent attached to and made a part of this resolution is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

August 9, 1991

James H. Jenkins
Chairman

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form" that shall be filed monthly by commercial fishermen that sell fish to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer.

The proposed design and use are as follows:

Title 76 Wildlife and Fisheries Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provisions

Section 103. Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form

A. The report form shall be a four-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale by commercial fishermen to anyone other than resident wholesale/retail dealers.

1. Commercial fisherman's license number
2. Species sold to anyone other than a wholesale/retail dealer
3. Amount of each species sold
4. Size and condition of each species sold
5. Transaction date

B. ~~Additionally,~~ the commercial fisherman's copies of the report form will provide space to record dollar value of the sale.

C. The report form shall be used when fish are sold by commercial fishermen to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The portions of the report form designated as "Department Copy" shall be returned to the Department by the 10th of each month to include sales during the previous month. Completed report

forms shall be mailed to a pre-determined address designated by the Department. Commercial fishermen are responsible for obtaining report forms from the Department and are responsible for filling in all of the information on the form.

①. Design - Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report ^{Form}~~Form~~
(Design of Card) -

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to the following address before November 15, 1991: Karen Foote, Administrator, Fisheries Research Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, ~~P.O.~~ Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated by the ~~Department of Wildlife and Fisheries~~ in accordance with RS 56:345(B).
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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (1991)
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James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

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LOUISIANA FISHERMAN'S SALES REPORT

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:345(B) requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a Commercial Fisherman's Report Form to be used by commercial fishermen to report in detail the quantity of each kind of fish sold to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer, and

WHEREAS, Information provided by such a system is essential for fisheries management,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana ~~Department of~~ Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form" that consists of a four part report form to be used by commercial fishermen to report in detail the quantity of each kind of fish sold to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The Notice of Intent attached to and made a part of this resolution is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

August 9, 1991

James H. Jenkins
Chairman

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

Section 157. Netting Prohibition - False River Lake and Lake
Concordia

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in False River Lake located in Pointe Coupee' Parish, and in Lake Concordia located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Said netting ban will become effective Friday, September 20, 1991.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).
HISTORICAL NOTE: promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (September 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter I. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

Section 155. Netting Prohibition - Bartholomew Lake

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets and fish seines in Bartholomew Lake located in Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes, Louisiana. Said netting ban will become effective Friday, September 20, 1991.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (September 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 9, 1991 - Cocodrie, Louisiana

- WHEREAS, R.S.56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and
- WHEREAS, R.S.56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data, and
- WHEREAS, R.S.49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S.49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and
- WHEREAS, R.S.56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and
- WHEREAS, Historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in both Zones 1 and 2 of coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S.56:498 by mid August, and
- WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and
- WHEREAS, in 1991 the third Monday in August will be August 19,
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1991 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, by public notice in accordance with R.S.56:497.3, to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1 and 2 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19, 1991,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1991 Fall inshore white shrimp season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S.49:953(B), the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S.49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S.56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open in Shrimp Management Zones I and II at 6:00 a.m. on August 19, 1991. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also hereby authorized to close the 1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
~~A. Kell McInnis, III~~
Acting Secretary

RESOLUTION

1991/92 Season on The Public Oyster Grounds
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 9, 1991 LUMCON, Cocodrie, Louisiana

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1991 is September 4, and
- WHEREAS, 1991 has been an abnormal environmental year causing significant oyster mortalities, and
- WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservations have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and
- WHEREAS, it has been a managerial practice to rotate the opening of the season on some of the "Oyster Seed Reservation" when biologically feasible, and
- WHEREAS, the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" was open during the 90/91 oyster season, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise October 1, 1991, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" will remain closed during the 1991/92 oyster season, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the three "Oyster Seed Reservations" will close 1/2 hour after sunset October 11, 1991, however, the Public Oyster Seed Grounds will remain open until April 1, 1992, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if a significant amount of oysters are available, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that oysters for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type container, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the season the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open on October 15, 1991 and remain open until and including March 1, 1992, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S.49:953(B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S.56:433 and R.S.56:435.1 notice is hereby given that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, hereby declares:

1. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise October 1, 1991.
2. The Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will close 1/2 hour after sunset October 11, 1991, however, the Public Oyster Seed Grounds will remain open until April 1, 1992.
3. The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed during the 1991/92 oyster season.
4. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.
5. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if a significant amount of oysters are available.
6. Oysters taken from the Public Oyster Seed Grounds or the Oyster Seed Reservations for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type container.
7. The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open 1/2 hour before sunrise on October 15, 1991 and remain open until 1/2 hour after sunset on March 1, 1992, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days.
8. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
~~A. Kell McInnis, III~~
Acting Secretary

RESOLUTION

1991/92 Season on The Public Oyster Grounds

adopted by the

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

August 9, 1991 LUMCON, Cocodrie, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1991 is September 4, and

WHEREAS, 1991 has been an abnormal environmental year causing significant oyster mortalities, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservations have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been a managerial practice to rotate the opening of the season on some of the "Oyster Seed Reservation" when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" was open during the 90/91 oyster season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise October 1, 1991, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" will remain closed during the 1991/92 oyster season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the three "Oyster Seed Reservations"

will close 1/2 hour after sunset October 11, 1991, however, the Public Oyster Seed Grounds will remain open until April 1, 1992, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if a significant amount of oysters are available, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that oysters for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type container, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the season the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open on October 15, 1991 and remain open until and including March 1, 1992, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman

LA Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

A. Kell McInnis, III, Secretary

LA Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 9, 1991

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Cocodrie, LA. August 9, 1991.

WHEREAS, Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, has attended public hearings in Washington, D.C. on upland migratory birds and waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing migratory season framework have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl, rails and gallinules that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for migratory species within the constraints of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish tentative season dates, bag limits and shooting hours for ducks, coots, geese, rails and gallinules, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will be adopted as a Declaration of Emergency in September provided no changes are mandated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A. Kell McInnis, III, Acting Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

TENTATIVE SEASON DATES
FOR
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS
INCLUDING
DUCKS, GEESE, COOTS, RAILS AND GALLINULES

Ducks and Coots (Closed Season on Canvasbacks)

West Zone:	Nov. 16 (Sat.)-Dec. 6 (Fri.)	21 days
	Dec. 28 (Sat.)-Jan. 5 (Sun.)	9 days

East Zone:	Nov. 23 (Sat.)-Dec. 1 (Sun.)	9 days
	Dec. 16 (Mon.)-Jan. 5 (Sun.)	21 days

Experimental Catahoula Lake Zone (NEW) -
Nov. 23 (Sat.)-Dec. 22 (Sun.) 30 days

All of Catahoula Lake including those portions known locally as Round Prairie, Catfish Prairie and Frazier's Arm.

Daily Bag Limit: The daily bag limit on ducks is 3 and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail and 1 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Mergansers: The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

Possession Limit: The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

Geese:	Statewide	
	Nov. 16 (Sat.)-Dec. 7 (Sat.)	22 days
	Dec. 14 (Sat.)-Jan. 30 (Thurs.)	48 days
	Jan. 31 (Fri.)-Feb. 9 (Sun.)	10 days (Snow geese only)

Daily Bag Limit: Daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of blue, snow and white-fronted geese of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted (specklebellies) except as noted below. During the last 10 days (Jan. 31-Feb. 9), only blue and snow geese may be taken. During the Experimental Canada Goose Season (Jan. 22-Jan. 30) the daily bag limit for Canada and white-fronted geese is 2, of which not more than 1 can be a Canada goose. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

An experimental Canada goose season will be open in a portion of southwest Louisiana. The area shall be described as follows:

Easterly from the Texas line along Hwy. 12 to Ragley; then easterly along U.S. 190 from Ragley to its junction with I-49 near Opelousas; then south along I-49 to its junction with Hwy. 167 near Lafayette; then south along Hwy. 167 from Lafayette to its junction with Hwy. 82 at Abbeville; then south and west along Hwy. 82 to the Intracoastal Waterway at Forked Island; then westerly along the Intracoastal Waterway from Forked Island to the juncture of the Intracoastal Waterway and the Calcasieu Ship Channel; then south along the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel to Hwy. 82 at Cameron, then westerly along Hwy. 82 to the Texas State line. All lands lying within these boundaries shall be open for the Experimental Canada Goose Season EXCEPT all open water of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River from the Hwy. 14 bridge southward.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the Experimental Canada Goose Season. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from the Lake Charles, Opelousas and Baton Rouge Offices.

Return of harvest information requested on the permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 1992 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the Experimental Canada Goose Season the following year.

Rails - Nov. 16-Jan. 20

King and Clapper - daily bag limit is 15 in the aggregate, possession 30.

Sora and Virginia - daily bag and possession limit is 25 in the aggregate.

Gallinule - Nov. 16-Jan. 20. Daily bag limit is 15, possession 30.

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT COCODRIE, LA. AUG.9,1991

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of acquiring lands for outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has an active land acquisition program, and

WHEREAS, the game division staff, in concurrence with the land acquisition committee, have actively pursued purchase of a certain 161 acre tract of land in Catahoula parish, and

WHEREAS, this activity has resulted in the negotiation of a Purchase Agreement which has been agreed to by both Davidson College and this Department, and

WHEREAS, the purchase price which has been agreed upon is forty thousand dollars (\$ 40,000.00), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to consummate these negotiations through Cash Sale and to acquire said lands and include these lands into the Departments Wildlife Management Area program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly acquired lands be included and made a part of the Sicily Island Hills WMA which has previously been Proclamated by the Governor.

A. Kell McInnis III, Acting Sec. La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries	James H. Jenkins, Jr. Chairman, La. Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.
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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT COCODRIE, LA. AUG. 9, 1991

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of acquiring lands for habitat conservation and outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has an active land acquisition program, and

WHEREAS, the habitat conservation division staff, in concurrence with appointed commission members, have actively pursued purchase of a certain 581 acre tract of land in West Feliciana Parish, and

WHEREAS, this activity has resulted in the negotiation of a Purchase Agreement which has been accepted by both Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation and this Department, and

WHEREAS, the purchase price which has been agreed upon is four-hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to consummate these negotiations through Cash Sale and to acquire said lands and include these lands into the Department's Habitat Conservation Area program,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said lands be designated as the Tunica Hills Habitat Conservation Area.

A. Kell McInnis III, Acting Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COCODRIE, LA. AUGUST 9, 1991.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of wetlands to wildlife, and

WHEREAS, Catahoula Lake has long been recognized as an important wintering area for waterfowl, shore/wading birds, and other forms of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has petitioned the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to designate Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance in accordance with the terms of Article 2.5 of the Convention of Wetlands of International Importance, and

WHEREAS, the Convention has approved this request and has designated Catahoula Lake as such, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby endorse and support the designation of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to accept the site diploma on behalf of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

A.Kell McInnis III, Acting
Secretary La. Dept. Wildlife
Fisheries

James H. Jenkins Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries and
Commission

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE
RAMSAR CONVENTION

The "Convention of Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat" is one of 4 (four) global intergovernmental conservation treaties. It is the first, having been adopted in 1971, and remains the only one dealing with a particular habitat-wetlands. This convention is known as the "Ramsar Convention" and was named after the city in Iran where the text was formally adopted.

The Ramsar Convention is the principal instrument for intergovernmental cooperation in wetland conservation. The governments which join, accept two principal undertakings- first to designate at least one wetland for listing and second, to make "wise use" of wetlands in their territories. By 1988, 49 countries had joined and 412 sites had been listed. The United States joined the convention in 1986 when the Senate ratified and the President signed the instruments of ratification on November 10, 1986.

The designation of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance makes the 10th (tenth) site listed in the United States. Other sites being so designated include the Okefenokee NWR, the Everglades National Park, the Chesapeake Bay Wetlands, and the Cache/Lower White River Joint Venture in Arkansas.

Designation as a Wetland of International Importance emphasizes the "wise use" concept. When listed, wetlands need not be strict nature preserves and various forms of exploitation may be practiced, as long as there is no change in the ecological character of the wetland. Designation will bring much needed attention to Catahoula Lake as an important wetland and could provide support should the integrity of this valuable ecosystem be threatened.

CATAHOULA LAKE
WETLAND OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

May 16, 1990	Petition U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to designate Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance.
Summer 1990	Draft petition review process by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
February 1991	Address areas of concern as revealed by review process.
March 20, 1991	Submit rewrite of original petition. (See inclosure)
June 18, 1991	Letter from Chief of International Affairs requesting Secretary General of the Convention to add Catahoula Lake to list of Wetlands of International Importance.
October 27, 1991	Proposed date for dedication of Catahoula Lake. Dedication to be held in conjunction with the annual Catahoula Lake Festival at Pineville, La.

A PROPOSAL FOR DESIGNATION OF CATAHOULA LAKE AS

WETLAND OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Executive Summary:

Catahoula Lake has long been recognized as an important waterfowl wintering area in Louisiana. This large, shallow, poorly drained wetland supports choice waterfowl food plants and has been referred to as one of the largest moist soil unit in North America. Subject to drastic water level fluctuations the lake provides habitat for hundred of thousands of ducks, geese, and shore/wading birds as well as aquatic habitat for both sport and commercial fishes.

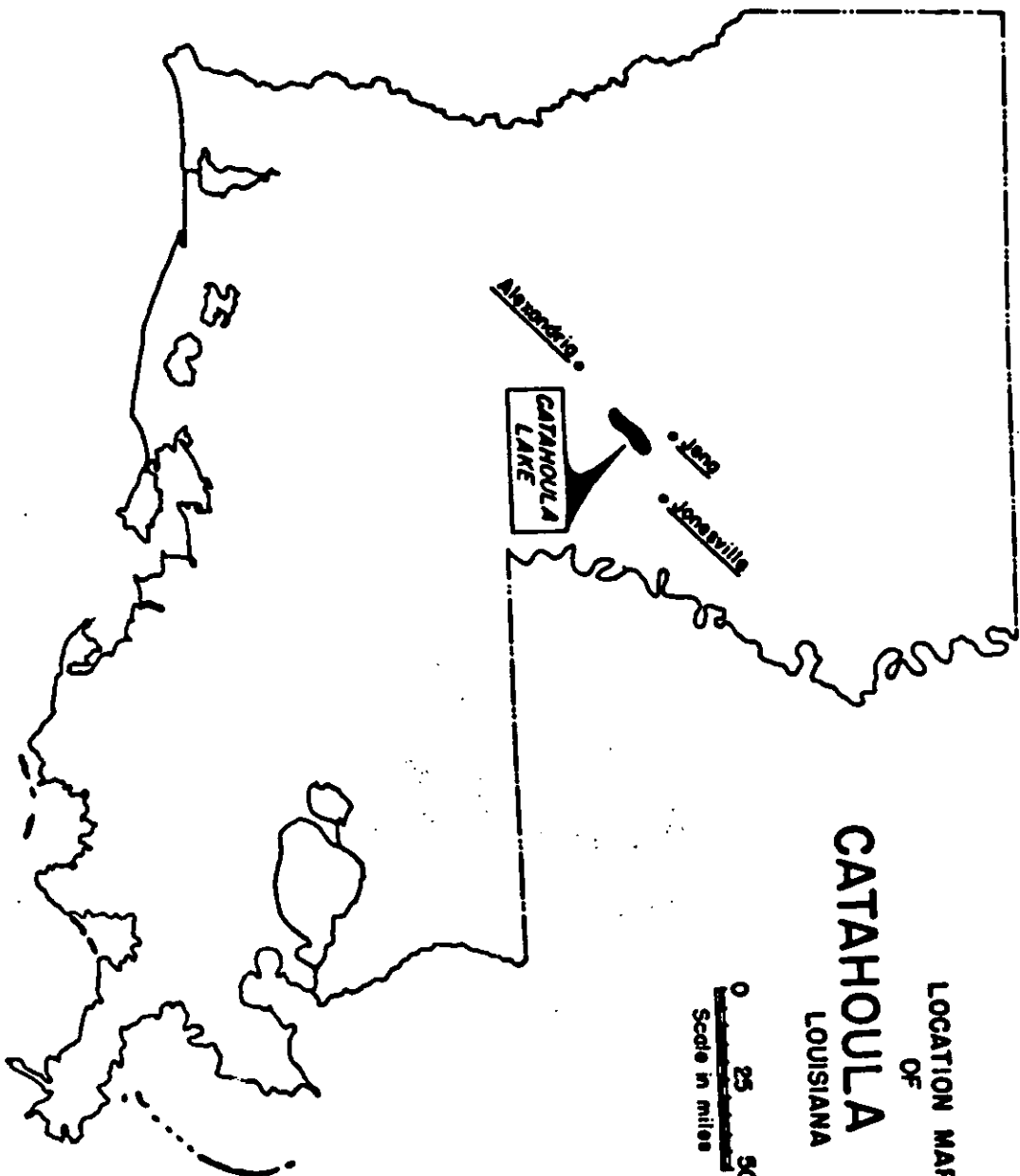
Catahoula Lake's importance as a waterfowl area is documented by the fact that population peaks in excess of 400,000 ducks have been recorded. Historically important as a wintering area for northern pintail, in recent years, the lake has become one of the most important wintering areas for canvasback in North America. Counts on Catahoula Lake have accounted for as much as 26% of the total canvasback population recorded in annual mid-winter waterfowl surveys.

This unique 12,150 ha. (30,000 acre) wetland is owned by the State of Louisiana with management authority vested with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The lake is managed as a "wetland" under a tri-party management plan with the cooperators including the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

This proposal requests the designation of Catahoula Lake as a Wetlands Of International Importance. The attached report details the various aspects of this important wetland.

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LOCATION MAP
OF
CATAHOULA LAKE
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State of Louisiana



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Governor

July 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: A. Kell McInnis III, Acting Secretary
FROM: Bob Dennie, Information & Education Director
SUBJECT: LA'S National Hunting & Fishing Day - September 28, 1991

FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition.

Since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the funding of state fish and game departments in all 50 states. They ask that they themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies. In the last 50 years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs.

Hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding populations. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were 50 years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefitted numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development.

Hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans.

MEMORANDUM

A. Kell McInnis III

July 30, 1991

Through their publications and organizations--such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America, and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources.

This year President George Bush is the National Honorary Chairman and the theme is "An Idea Whose Time Has Come Again" and we would like the commission to aid us by proclaiming September 28, 1991 as LA's National Hunting & Fishing Day. This will help insure the rich American tradition of hunting and fishing and to also insure a healthy future for the sport so many of our citizens enjoy.

Therefore, I would like to recommend that the Commission encourage and proclaim September 28, 1991, as LA's National Hunting & Fishing Day in our State.



Bob Dennie
Information & Education Director

BD/jw

LA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY
RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition, and
- WHEREAS, since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the funding of state fish and game departments in all fifty states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies, in the last fifty years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs, and
- WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were fifty years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefitted numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development, and
- WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans, and
- WHEREAS, through their publications and organizations such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission here by proclaiming September 28, 1991, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day in Louisiana. The Commission urges all of our citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations. Further, the Commission urges all citizens to take part in Louisiana's National Hunting & Fishing Day activities on September 28, 1991, to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

RESOLUTION**AWARD OF SHELL DREDGING LEASE**

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited bids for shell dredging leases for Tracts 1 and 2, said tracts having been previously described by formal action of this Commission;

And it being the recommendation of the Minerals Committee that the bid most advantageous to the state is that submitted by **LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY** for said Tracts 1 and 2 in globo;

And the Commission accepting the recommendation of the Minerals Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally award the lease for said Tracts 1 and 2 to **LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized representative of **LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY** shall be immediately furnished with copies of the lease which lease shall be returned to the Department for execution no later than twenty (20) days from today's date along with the requisite performance bonds and certificates of insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby designate A. Kell McInnis, III, Acting Secretary of the Department, or his designee, as its agent for execution of this lease and any other necessary documents, and to perform any and all other acts necessary to effectuate this lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the return of the lease form and the other requisite documents, the lease shall be simultaneously executed by the Acting Secretary, or his designee, and the duly authorized corporate agent of **LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY** at the office of the

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was duly
passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
on the ____ day of _____, 1991.

A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary

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AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LUMCON
COCODRIE, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 9, 1991

1. Roll Call
2. ~~Approval of Minutes of July 9, 1991~~
3. ~~Appreciations Presentation to ALBC - A. Kell McInnis III~~
- Reso* 4. ~~Emergency Declaration and Resolution - Dove, Snipe and Woodcock Season Dates - Hugh Bateman - *Done*~~
- Reso* 5. ~~Ratification of Rule on Oyster Lease Moratorium and Oyster Lease Application - Bettsie Baker~~
6. ~~Offshore Shrimp Line at Caillou Boca - Houston Foret~~
- 2 Reso* 7. ~~Notice of Intent on Commercial Sales Card - Karen Foote~~
8. ~~Ratification of Rule on Netting Prohibition, False River Lake and Lake Concordia - Bennie Fontenot~~
9. ~~Ratification of Rule on Netting Prohibition, Bartholomew Lake - Bennie Fontenot~~
- Reso* 10. ~~Setting of the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season - John Roussel~~
- Reso* 11. ~~Setting of 91/92 Season on Public Oyster Seed Grounds - Ron Dugas~~
- Reso* 12. ~~Set Tentative Dates for 1991-92 Duck, Coot and Goose Hunting Seasons - Robert Helm~~
13. ~~1991 Louisiana Duck Stamp Competition - Dave Morrison~~
- Reso* 14. ~~Land Acquisition Approval, Resolution - Hugh Bateman~~
- Reso* 15. ~~Recognition of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance (RAMSAR Treaty Designation) - Hugh Bateman~~
16. Monthly Law Enforcement Report - Colonel Winton Vidrine
- Reso* 17. ~~Resolution for 1991 Louisiana National Hunting and Fishing Day - A. Kell McInnis III~~
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19. Set Date for November Meeting

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- Revised*
20. Minerals Committee Report and Recommendations: Shell Dredging, Central Coast Lease(s) + Minerals Committee
 21. Commission Award of Bid(s); Shell Dredging Lease(s), Central Coast
 22. Public Comments

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
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AUGUST 9, 1991

- Motion Second Vote*
1. Roll Call - *by Betsie Baker - all present*
 2. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 1991.
Pol-McCall (All+) by Kell
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 4. Emergency Declaration and Resolution - Dove, Snipe and Woodcock Season Dates - ~~Hugh Bateman~~ *David Morrison*
Comment by Walker
 5. Ratification of Rule on Oyster Lease Moratorium and Oyster Lease Application - ~~Bettsie Baker~~ *Don Puckett*
No motion (All+)
 6. Offshore Shrimp Line at Caillou Boca - Houston Foret
Comments by ? and Picon, Redman
 7. Notices of Intent on Commercial Sales Card and Commercial Fishermen's Sales Report Form - Karen Foote
Schneider-Foret (All+) Schneider-Foret (All+)
 8. Ratification of Rule on Netting Prohibition, False River Lake and Lake Concordia - Bennie Fontenot
Jones-Vuj (All+)
 9. Ratification of Rule on Netting Prohibition, Bartholomew Lake - Bennie Fontenot
McCall-Jones (All+)
 10. Setting of the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season - John Roussel
some comments after item #4 related to shrimp season - Zone 3
Pol-Vuj - (all+) Vuj - Foret - (All+)
 11. Setting of 91/92 Season on Public Oyster Seed Grounds - ~~Ron Dugas~~ *John Roussel*
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 12. Set Tentative Dates for 1991-92 Duck, Coot and Goose Hunting Seasons - ~~Robert Helm~~ *Augh Bateman*
Schneider-Foret (All+)
 13. 1991 Louisiana Duck Stamp Competition - Dave Morrison
✓
 14. Land-Acquisition Approval, Resolutions - Hugh Bateman/
Dr. Robert Chabreck
Schneider-Jones (All+)
 15. Recognition of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance (RAMSAR Treaty Designation) - ~~Hugh Bateman~~ *Jimmy Emfinger*
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19. Set Date for November Meeting *Nov. 8 - B.R.*
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MINUTES OF MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

August 9, 1991

Chairman James H. Jenkins, Jr. presiding.

Friday, August 9, 1991

Houston Foret
Bert Jones
Norman McCall
Warren Pol
Jeff Schneider
Pete Vujnovich

Acting Secretary A. Kell McInnis III was also present.

Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order and advised that they were going to proceed to Items #10 (Shrimp Season) and #11 (Oyster Season).

Mr. John Roussel reported on the **Setting of the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season and a Declaration of Emergency/Resolution** ~~were~~ presented. *was*

Traditional Mr. Roussel advised that Title 56 provides that the Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and traditionally the fall inshore shrimp season in Louisiana has commenced on the third Monday in August. Until two years ago the date was set in the statutes. The department staff has reviewed the historical and current biological sampling data for Zones I and II and has not found any reason to deviate from the ~~fractional~~ opening date. The following resolution was presented to the Commission which contains the recommendations of the department in its entirety. Mr. Roussel read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portions of the resolution. The department is recommending that the fall inshore shrimp season opens at 6 a.m. on Monday, August 19th in Zones I and II.

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission. Mr. Foret advised that his sampling agreed with opening the season on the 19th and he would not question it at this time. Mr. Pol moved that the resolution be accepted. The motion was seconded by Captain Vujnovich. Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the public. There being none, Chairman Jenkins called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION

1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 9, 1991 - Cocodrie, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and

WHEREAS, Historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in both Zones 1 and 2 of coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S. 56:498 by mid August, and

WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and

WHEREAS, in 1991 the third Monday in August will be August 19,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1991 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497.3, to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1 and 2 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19, 1991,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1991 Fall inshore white shrimp season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.

A. Kell McInnis III
LA Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries

(The full text of the declaration of
emergency is made a part of the

record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open in Shrimp Management Zones I and II at 6:00 a.m. on August 19, 1991. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also hereby authorized to close the 1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

Setting of the 91/92 Season on Public Oyster Seed Grounds was brought before the Commission by Mr. John Roussel and a **Notice of Intent/Resolution** were presented.

Mr. Roussel advised that Title 56 provides that the public oyster seed grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which is September 4th this year. This year (1991) has been a very abnormal environmental year with excessive rain fall earlier in the year. Oyster mortalities have been experienced in some areas. The department staff has done a complete survey of the available supply on the seed grounds and seed reservations. Recommendations have been developed for the season dates for the various public grounds. Mr. Roussel pointed out that there is a distinct possibility for a significant spat catch to occur in the coming months. The department feels that it is important that provisions be made to make adjustment in the recommended dates if a significant spat catch does occur. Mr. Roussel read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portions of the resolution.

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission; there being none he called for a motion. Captain Vujnovich made a motion that the Commission accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foret. Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the public. There being none Chairman Jenkins called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION

1991/92 Season on The Public Oyster Grounds
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 9, 1991 LUMCON, Cocodrie, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1991 is September 4, and

WHEREAS, 1991 has been an abnormal environmental year causing significant oyster mortalities, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservations have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been a managerial practice to rotate the opening of the season on some of the "Oyster Seed Reservation" when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" was open during the 90/01 oyster season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise October 1, 1991, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" will remain closed during the 1991/92 oyster season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the three "Oyster Seed Reservations" will close 1/2 hour after sunset October 11, 1991, however, the Public Oyster Seed Grounds will remain open until April 1, 1992, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with a good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if a significant amount of oysters are available, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that oysters for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type of container, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season that the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open on October 15, 1991 and remain open until and including March 1, 1992, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.

A. Kell McInnis III, Acting
Secretary, Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries

(The full text of the declaration of emergency is made a part of the record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1 notice is hereby given that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, hereby declares:

1. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise October 1, 1991.
2. The Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will close 1/2 hour after sunset October 11, 1991, however, the Public Oyster Seed Grounds will remain open until April 1, 1992.
3. The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed during the 1991-92 oyster season.
4. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat

catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amount of shell in seed oyster loads.

5. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if a significant amount of oysters are available.
6. Oysters taken from the Public Oyster Seed Grounds or the Oyster Seed Reservations for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type container.
7. The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open 1/2 hour before sunrise on October 15, 1991 and remain open until 1/2 hour after sunset on March 1, 1992, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days.
- 8 Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to adopt the **Minutes of the July 9, 1991, Commission Meeting**. A motion was made by Mr. Schneider for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

An Appreciation Presentation to ALBC was presented by Acting Secretary A. Kell McInnis III.

Acting Secretary McInnis announced that the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs recognized that there were problems at the department's Beechwood Fish Hatchery. They got together and put up \$10,000.00 to assist the department in repairing a water line at the Beechwood Hatchery. The \$10,000.00 was matched with \$30,000.00 in matching funds. An eight inch lines was replaced by an eighteen inch line. The ponds that could not be used before are now in good working order. Acting Secretary McInnis presented a plaque to Mr. Diez and the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs for their generous contribution to the program. Chairman Jenkins thanked Mr. Diez also.

Mr. Dave Morrison presented a **Resolution and a Emergency Declaration on the Dove, Snipe and Woodcock Season Dates**.

Mr. Morrison reported that at the July Commission tentative dates for dove, snipe and woodcock were established. This was necessary to allow the Fish and Wildlife Service to give thirty day notice on the Federal framework. At this time these dates need to be

adopted so that there will be a hunting season this fall advised Mr. Morrison. Mr. Morrison presented the following season dates.

Dove: Split Season, Statewide
Sept. 7-15
Oct. 19-Nov. 10
Dec. 7-Jan. 3

Daily bag limit 15, possession 30

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except on the opening weekend of each split (Sept. 7-8, Oct. 19-20 and Dec. 7-8) when shooting hours will be 12:00 Noon to sunset.

Snipe: Nov. 9-Feb. 23 - daily bag limit 8, possession 16.

Woodcock: Nov. 28-Jan. 31 - daily bag limit 5, possession 10.

Shooting hours for snipe and woodcock are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Mr. Morrison continued and read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portions of the resolution. Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission. There being none Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the public.

Mr. Charles Walker, 20221 Hoo Soo Too, Baton Rouge, LA, addressed the Commission. Mr. Walker spoke in favor of a 12 limit, 70 day season. According to Mr. Walker's information the department recommended the 12 limit, 70 day season. A department survey found that an overwhelming majority of the hunters responding would prefer a 12 limit, 70 day season. Mr. Walker asked the Commission to reconsider the season for doves. If the season stays as is Mr. Walker asked the Commission to consider, in the future, split zones. If the 15 limit stays, Mr. Walker asked for an opinion from the Commission as to why they feel this is a preferable season.

There being no more comments Mr. Jones made a motion that the regulations, as read, be accepted. Mr. Pol seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 9, 1991

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries

Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Cocodrie, LA,
August 9, 1991

WHEREAS, Hugh a Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, has attended public hearings in Washington, D.C. on upland migratory birds and waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing upland migratory season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for upland migratory species including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for upland migratory species within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of Emergency will be in effect beginning September 7, 1991 and extends through sunset February 23, 1992, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 1991-92 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

A. Kell McInnis, III, Acting
Secretary, LA Dept. of Wildlife
and Fisheries

Jimmy Jenkins, Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

(The full text of the emergency
declaration is made a part of the
record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following Emergency Rule:

The hunting season for upland migratory birds during the 1991-92 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Dove: Split Season, Statewide
Sept. 7-15
Oct. 19-Nov. 10
Dec. 7-Jan. 3

Daily bag limit 15, possession 30

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except on the opening weekend of each split (Sept. 7-8, Oct. 19-20 and Dec. 7-8) when shooting hours will be 12:00 Noon to sunset.

Snipe: Nov. 9-Feb. 23 - daily bag limit 8, possession 16.

Woodcock: Nov. 28-Jan. 31 - daily bag limit 5, possession 10.

Shooting hours for rail, gallinule, snipe and woodcock are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will become effective on September 7, 1991 and extend through sunset on February 28, 1992.

Jimmy Jenkins
Chairman

At this point during the meeting a gentleman asked about commenting on the setting of the shrimp season. After a brief discussion that this item had already been brought before the Commission and acted upon Chairman Jenkins asked the gentleman from the audience to go ahead and make his comments. The gentleman from the audience asked why was Zone III opened earlier causing a split across the state, why not open statewide. Mr. Roussel explained that at the July

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Commission meeting a resolution was passed that authorized the Secretary to open the fall season if biological data indicated it was necessary and the date ~~would have been~~ before the next Commission meeting ~~at which time the Commission could not taken~~ action. The staff reviewed the information for Zone III and there was evidence that there was emigration of shrimp from Zone III inshore areas to the offshore areas earlier than in the central and east coast of Louisiana. In addition to this there was a number of meetings held in the area where the fishermen requested an earlier opening. All of this information was taken into consideration and a recommendation was made to the Secretary. This season was opened on Wednesday, August 7th. Mr. Roussel advised that he received a report from one of the District Supervisors that this had been one of the better openings experienced in the last five years. The effort was about average, catches were as high as a 1,000 pounds and the shrimp predominantly ran 26-30 and 36-40. The opening day catch is estimated to be about 100,000 pounds total. The gentleman asked Mr. Roussel is that what he is saying is that they did not have more boats than should have in that particular area. Mr. Roussel stated that in this particular case this did not appear to happen. When the spring season opens and one zone is opened prior to other zones there is a massive movement of boats from one part of the state to the other but for some reason this did not happen in this case advised Mr. Roussel. The reason may be ~~is~~ that the department did not expect the season to have a terrific crop of shrimp in Calcasieu. The department did think that there was a good chance that these shrimp were going to move offshore before the third Monday in August which would have meant that they would not have been available to the inshore shrimper in that area if the department would have waited longer to open the season.

Another gentleman from the audience asked if this guarantees that when their Zones open on the 19th that there won't be a big influence of boats from Zone I. Chairman Jenkins advised no, it won't guarantee you anything. The gentleman advised that the department brought to the Shrimp Task Force this year the question of the fall shrimp season open. Sixteen leaders of the shrimp industry agreed that the third Monday in August was a fair time for the whole state to open the fall shrimp season. The gentleman stated that they were under the understanding that the department felt, at that time, that the fall shrimp season should be opened statewide. It would not have matter that much if Zone III would have waited two more weeks and did he not believe that the shrimp would have migrated out unless a northern came through or there was an exceptionally heavy rain. The fishermen in Zone II are concerned about a big influx of boats when the season opens and it is not fair when one recommendation is made and the department turns around and changes its mind.

Chairman Jenkins thanked the gentlemen for their comments and advised that the task force does not make the rules and

regulations, they are an advisory group.

The Rule on **Oyster Lease Moratorium and Oyster Lease Application** was presented for ratification by Mr. Don Puckett.

Mr. Puckett reported that this was the final ratification of a rule that has already been approved of by the Commission. The purpose of the rule was to eliminate the moratorium that has been placed on the leasing of oyster leases for the past several years. With the improvement of surveying that the department has been able to accomplish and the permitting of private surveyors to survey oyster leases the department is now in a posture where the moratorium can be opened and accept oyster lease applications at any time rather than just once a year advised Mr. Puckett. Basically the rule puts this into place to provide new rules to take effect once the moratorium is permanently lifted and also gives a transitional rule to go from a moratorium to a non-moratorium situations. The department will give notice, through the media, of a final lifting of the moratorium at which time people will be able to submit applications. Mr. Puckett pointed out some non-substantive changes from the Notice of Intent and asked for comments. There being none Chairman Jenkins asked for all in favor of adopting the final rule on the Oyster Moratorium to say "I". All Commission stated "I". There were none opposing.

(The full text of the rule is made
a part of the record)

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does adopt the following rule regarding Oyster Lease Moratorium.

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

Chapter 5. Oysters

Section 500. Lifting of Oyster Lease Moratorium

A. The moratorium for the taking of oyster lease applications established by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in April, 1978, will be permanently lifted. At that time applications for oyster leases will be accepted in accordance with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations and the procedures set out below. One week prior to the date that the moratorium is lifted, the date, time and place where applications are to be taken

will be publicly advertised. For purposes of and only for purposes of this final lifting of the moratorium, the New Orleans Royal Street office will not be the site.

B. On the date for taking of applications only one applicant will be allowed in the office to take one application. The applicant will have 15 minutes to designate the area he wishes to apply for.

C. Applications will be taken 24 hours a day (on a first come basis) until the department feels the influx of people can be handled at the regular office hours at the New Orleans Office, at which time anyone will be able to take an application.

D. After applicant pays the application and survey fees he may return to the end of the line for another application.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R. 17: (August 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is hereby amending and adopting the following rule regarding Oyster Leases.

TITLE 76

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

Chapter 5. Oysters

Section 501. Oyster Leases

A. Office Policies and Procedures

1. Office hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding state holidays.

2. No one is to go into the lease document or quadrangle files, or application registration without permission of and

accompaniment by designated office personnel.

B. The taking of Oyster Lease Applications

1. There shall be a 50-foot buffer zone established between new leases. However, by mutual written consent of applicants of adjacent water bottoms the lease boundaries may be common.

a. Where distances between oyster leases or between oyster leases and the shoreline are 200 feet or less, no applications or leases shall be taken or issued except that the intervening space may be shared equally by the existing leases or applicants if properly applied for and leased in accordance with existing policies and practices.

b. No new application will be taken or lease issued whose length exceeds its narrowest width by more than a factor of three except as follows:

i. between existing leases where all available water bottoms are taken;

ii. in bayous (or similar configurations connections or cuts between bays, lakes and ponds, etc.) where all available water bottoms are taken with a subservient clause prohibiting an impedance of reasonable navigation;

c. Any application for an oyster lease may be contoured to follow the shoreline.

d. No application will be taken to incorporate an existing lease or leases plus additional acreage when less than three years remain in the terms(s) of said lease or leases.

2. If an applicant does not keep his appointment with a surveyor his application will be cancelled. The applicant will be notified of action taken and be given an opportunity to reinstate the application with an additional payment of the survey fee within 14 days of the cancellation notice. When the department surveyor cannot keep his appointment all efforts will be made to notify the applicant.

3. a. If any survey of existing leases by the surveyor of the department shows an overlap, the department will abstract the leases involved and eliminate the overlap, giving the area to the longest continuously uninterrupted lease and shall notify the lessees of the action.

b. All surveys for new area will be computed at a fifty foot offset from all existing leases. If applicant wishes to share common boundaries with the adjacent lease or leases, the applicant must submit to the survey section written consent from the adjacent lease owner or owners (even if lease or leases are in same name as the applicant) no later than Thursday prior to the week the work

is scheduled.

4. All applicants must appear in this office to place applications for survey and lease, or provide power of attorney to agents to act in their behalf.

5. Annual rental notices will be mailed to lessees at least 30 days in advance of due date which is January 1 of each year.

6. A fee of \$10 per lease will be charges for transfer of oyster lease.

7. A fee for all extra maps, leases, plats or documents, will be charged as follows:

All maps	\$ 10 per copy
Plats	\$ 5 per copy
Lease Documents	\$ 5 per copy
Other materials	\$ 1 per copy
Computations	\$ 2 per point
(Lambert to Latitude/Longitude)	

8. Survey Application Fees

a. Survey application fees for new leases will be as follows:

Acres	Dollars
10 or less	\$200
11 - 20	\$250
21 - 200	\$ 3.50 additional for each acre after 20
201 - 1000	\$ 2.00 additional for each acre after 200

An additional survey fee of \$10 for each shotpoint in excess of six, excluding shore shorts, will be paid prior to approval of any lease.

b. Survey application fees on leases expiring by 15-year limitation are established as follows:

Acres	Dollars
10 or less	\$150
11 - 20	\$250
21 - 200	\$ 2.50 additional for each acre after 20
201 - 1000	\$ 1.50 additional for each acre after 200

An additional survey fee of \$10 for each shotpoint in excess of six, excluding shore shots.

c. Survey application fees for RESTAKES of one's own lease are established as follows:

\$25 per shotpoint

d. Survey application fees for RESTAKES of someone else's lease are established as follows:

\$90 for the first two shotpoints

\$50 for each additional shotpoint thereafter

e. The Survey Section shall notify owner(s) of lease to be restaked.

C. Private Surveyors Surveying Oyster leases for Oyster Farmer

1. All surveyors must appear in person in the office of the Survey Section of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to research information pertinent to their surveys.

2. Surveyor to be charged the basic rate for copies of documents needed.

3. All controls and corners of oyster surveys to be tied into the Louisiana State Plane Coordinates System.

4. All surveys must comply with R.S. 56:427B which requires the lease not to exceed the initial application by more than 10 percent compliance by negotiation with the applicant. If unacceptable application will be cancelled and all fees forfeited.

5. Surveyors to execute properly survey's certificate appearing on reverse side of original application on file in the Oyster Lease Survey Section, or a photocopy of the original.

6. Surveyors must furnish the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Survey Section with the original field notes on standard 4-1/2 x 7-1/2 looseleaf sheets.

7. Surveyors to note in the original field notes any activity in or adjacent to or on surveyed area, or any existing structures, etc.

8. Survey plats to be drawn in black ink on forms furnished by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Oyster Lease Section and original tracing to become the property of same.

9. The acreage of all surveys, even though calculated to tenth or hundredth of acre, to be rounded off to the next highest acre.

10. Application number and ownership on all survey plats to

be shown on original application.

11. No land area to be included in survey. Probing to be done at random throughout the surveyed area to determine type of bottom and results noted on original field notes, along with tidal information.

12. Use standard signs and symbols.

13. If an applicant knowingly has a private surveyor survey over an existing lease, application, or land area, that application is cancelled and will constitute cause for the private surveyor to be barred from surveying oyster leases for a one-year period.

14. Noncompliance with any requirement established by law or by these rules, after 30-day notification from the department by certified mail, shall result in cancellation of the application and forfeiture of all fees to the department.

D. Complaints in the field are to be handled in the following manner.

1. The applicant should allow the survey to be completed in all situations. The surveyor has his instructions.

2. If the applicant is dissatisfied with the survey after completed, he may register his complaint with the survey office within 14 days of date of survey.

3. Survey crew is to note that the applicant will complete the survey under protest at time survey is being performed.

4. If the applicant prevents survey from being completed in the field, his application will be cancelled. The applicant has 14 days from postdate on letter notifying him of said cancellation to come into the office and pay survey fee and have application reinstated.

E. Oyster Lease Posting Requirements

In an effort to comply with R.S. 56:430, Paragraph B, and to keep within the constraints of Title 14, Section 63, dealing with criminal trespassing, the following are the posting oyster lease requirements.

1. The oyster lessee or person seeking to post the oyster lease shall place and maintain signs along the boundaries of the property or area to be posted. These signs shall be written in the English language.

2. The signs shall have letters at least three inches in height and shall be of sufficient size and clarity to give notice to the public of the location and boundary of the oyster lease.

The signs shall be placed and maintained at intervals of not more than one-fifth of a mile and shall be at least three to 12 feet above the water level.

3. At the main entrance to the property and at no less than all corners along the boundary of said property, the party seeking to post same shall include his name or initials in addition to the lease number.

4. In marsh areas and canals, posted signs shall also be placed at all major points of ingress and egress.

5. In open waters all signs are to be placed facing outward.

F. 1. Applications will remain in effect for a period of three years. At the end of three years any applications not surveyed by this department or a private surveyor will be cancelled.

2. Upon death of an applicant the estate will have 180 days to appoint a representative to deal with the survey of applications. If the department has not been notified within 180 days the application will be cancelled and survey fees will be retained.

3. No application for lease shall be transferrable.

4. An applicant will be required to outline on a department map the area for which he wishes to apply. Pursuant to R.S. 56:427(A), each element of the verbal description written on the application must be met by the survey plat. Additionally, the survey plat must conform completely to the map outline, attached to and made a part of the application; provided, however, that deviations from the map outline (but not the verbal written description) are permitted when such a deviation would not encroach on a neighboring lease or application, or when the signed, written consent of the leaseholder or applicant whose lease or application would be affected, has been granted. In no case will an applicant survey outside of his verbal written description, except as provided in 5.a.ii. below.

5. a. In the event of department error which results in an application being taken in an area where there is a prior undisclosed application or lease which prevents the applicant from taking the full amount of acreage applied for in the area described, the following procedure shall apply: the applicant shall have the option of

i. taking all available remaining acres within the originally described area in a lease and receiving a pro rata refund of unused survey application fees for any loss of acreage; or

ii. taking all applied-for acres in one lease outside of

the originally described area but in the nearest unencumbered water bottom; or

iii. if neither of the above options is acceptable to the applicant, the applicant may have his original application cancelled and receive a full refund of the survey application fee.

b. The applicant shall have 30 days from the date of notification of the conflict to exercise the above options.

c. If the applicant exercises the option as set out in Paragraph 5.a.ii above he shall be held to the amount of acres in his original application plus 10 percent.

d. In all such cases, the department shall have final approval of all relocations.

e. Before having the relocation area surveyed, it shall be necessary for the applicant to submit a new application for the area of relocation. This application shall be identified as a "relocation" application and shall indicate the old application by number for which it is being substituted and shall also be approved in writing by the Undersecretary and the chief surveyor of the department.

f. All relocations shall follow this procedure. No survey shall proceed until the properly completed relocation application has been submitted, accepted and approved. No survey is authorized without the above procedure being followed nor shall the department be responsible for the cost of any survey performed prior to final approval of the relocated application.

6. No application for a new area will be accepted from any person not of the full age of majority (18 years).

H. Policy to comply with laws concerning default in payment of rent on oyster leases (Non-compliance R.S. 56:429).

1. On the first working day in February of each year, the Survey Section will compile a list of leases that are in default (R.S. 56:429). After compiling the list each owner will be notified by certified mail that his lease is in default and will be offered at public auction on the last Tuesday in March. He will also be notified that all works, improvements, betterments, and oysters on the leased area are the property of the state and that the Enforcement Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been so notified.

2. On the first working day following the last day of February all leases still in default will be advertised in a newspaper in the parish in which the lease is located. After the placement of the advertisement, advertisement cost will be added to the lease rent plus 10 percent. Up to and including the second Monday in March, the leases may be reinstated by payment of the

rent due plus 10 percent and the advertising cost if applicable.

3. On the last Tuesday in March the auction will be held at a place to be designated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The auctioneer will be the chief surveyor or his designee. The opening bid for each lease will be the rent due plus 10 percent and advertising cost. All sales must be paid for in cash or by certified check. The auction will start with the lowest numbered lease and continue numerically until complete.

4. Any leases not sold at auction will be removed from the Survey Section maps. The area will be open and may be taken by application.

I. Procedures to comply with R.S. 56:432.

1. The Survey Section will keep an indexing system to determine the acreage held by all oyster lease holders.

2. No application will be accepted that will cause an applicant to exceed a total of 1000 acres under lease and application. Reference R.S. 56:432.

3. No lease will be issued to an oyster lease holder that will cause his account to exceed 1000 acres underlease unless he qualified for additional acres by the ownership of oyster canning plants.

4. An oyster lease applicant will be given 30 days to reduce lease acreage prior to cancellation of any application that would cause his lease acreage to exceed 1000 acres. If the reduction is not made within 30 days the application will be cancelled and all fees retained by the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R. 10:470 (June 1984), amended L.R. 12:844 (December 1986), amended L.R. 15:197 (March 1989), amended L.R. 17: (August 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

The Offshore Shrimp Line at Caillou Boca was brought before the Commission by Mr. Houston Foret.

Mr. Foret advised that last month Mr. Blanchard addressed the Commission on this matter. The line at Caillou Boca has been abused and is not where the Wildlife and Fisheries and Terrebonne Parish claim it is. When Doug Greenberg took office he moved the line about a half of mile further out; two years later he moved it

back to the U.S. Coast Guard lighthouse which had been torn down and rebuilt further out. The line according to Louisiana law in latitude and longitude is 1/4 to 3/8 of a mile further in. The fishermen are not allowed to work this area and are asking the Commission to have Enforcement enforce the line according to Louisiana law and not according to the landmark that has been moved. Mr. Foret explained the difference between the lines (black, pink and yellow) to the Commissioners as shown on the map and how they were obtained. The question is still what line would you use. Chairman Jenkins asked if technically the department is suppose to be enforcing the yellow line and asked Lt. Colonel Clark to address this. ee

Lt. Colonel Clark reported that in talking with the surveyors and all the people on the department's boats, when the line was shot the black line is 600 foot, instead of hitting Pass Wilson on the north side, to the west-southwest of where it touches land. On the south side where the light is, it is 20 feet back to the west which is to the fishermen's benefit. The loran used by Mr. Foret is right, but all of the lorans are going to shoot different advised Lt. Colonel Clark and there is 2,000 foot error margin on the loran that is certified on enforcement's boat. It would be virtually impossible to use this from a loran standpoint commented Lt. Colonel Clark. Mr. Foret stated that while they were out running the lines the Riptide was out also and he asked them to use their loran and run the line. They advised that they had already done this and they found the same line as the yellow line. Lt. Colonel Clark advised that this was very possible. After further discussion on the line, Chairman Jenkins stated that he understands what is being said but it looks like they do not have a choice. The Commission cannot change the line, the legislature has to change the line. Lt. Colonel Clark stated the issue is 300 yard but they would not mind having the line changed for everybody's benefit. Chairman Jenkins advised that it looks like the appropriate solution would be next year get it amended in the legislature but until this happens the Commission cannot do anything about it except enforce it the way it is. Chairman Jenkins asked if anybody had any comments on this issue. 57

Mr. Daniel Blanchard, Terrebonne Parish, addressed the Commission. Mr. Blanchard stated he heard them talk about 300 yards but if he crosses that line 300 yards he gets a ticket. He has got a \$850 loran and knows how to use it. His loran is not off 2,000 feet and loran is the most accurate piece of equipment there is. Mr. Blanchard stated that they are asking the Commission and department to accept loran readings in latitude and longitude to correspond with what the Louisiana law says. an

Mr. Ronald Picou, 602 San Antonio Boulevard, Houma, LA, addressed the Commission. Mr. Picou commented that the Commission, through Mr. Puckett's interpretation at the last meeting, advised that the changing of the line has to go through an act of the legislature. Under the circumstances the fishermen have to suffer for another year. Mr. Picou advised that he has been in touch with Senator

Leonard Chabert to introduce this into an R.S. statute to revise the law and move the line and asked the Commission and agents to be patient with the fishermen and try to work with them on this. This controversial line has been costly to many of the fishermen. Concluding Mr. Picou stated that to whomever would be in touch with the Governor they would like to thank him for the veto of H.B. 998 (Capture Mariculture) and H.B. 1793 by the Terrebonne Fishermen's Organization that prohibits such an impoundment of the shrimp.

Mr. Johnny Redman, 305 Holland Drive, Houma, LA, addressed the Commission. Mr. Redman advised that he was trawling at Caillou Boca and he was issued a citation. He used his loran reading and usually turns a few degrees before the light. Yesterday morning when he turned on his reading the plane buzzed him, ticketed him and picked up all of his shrimp. All the shrimp on board was caught on the outside and not on the inside. If his boat drifted on the inside Mr. Redman stated that he was sorry but was not planning on doing it and does not believe he was wrong on his loran reading.

Chairman Jenkins recommended that the Commission might could sponsor a resolution when the legislature starts next year if Mr. Foret agreed with this. Mr. Foret acknowledged that he did and asked the Commission if they could not ask the agents to be a little easier. Chairman Jenkins stated that he did not want to be a part of asking anybody to do that but if Mr. Foret wanted to he guess he could but does not think they should. Mr. Foret commented that he was told that Terrebonne Parish was the most strict place in the whole state of Louisiana. While they were surveying a fisherman received a citation for a couple of hundred feet inside the light. The Captain on the Riptide told Mr. Foret that by the way he sees the line right now there would have been no way that he would have issued a citation to those people. This tells Mr. Foret that in other areas the agents are not as strict as they are in Terrebonne Parish. Chairman Jenkins advised that they should handle this when the legislature is in session. Mr. Foret stated that would be fine.

Ms. Karen Foote presented Resolutions and Notices of Intent on Commercial Sales Card and Commercial Fishermen's Sales Report Form.

Ms. Foote first reported on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card: Dealer Receipt Form and presented a overhead. Ms. Foote advised that today she brings before the Commission a notice of intent and explained the notice and card to the Commissioners. The sales card will contain the commercial fisherman's name, commercial license number, commercial fisherman's social security number, expiration date and residency status. It is important from a licensing standpoint to have the residency status on the back of the card. According to law the commercial fisherman will bring this with him to the dealer at the time of sale. The dealer will imprint this on the receipt form. The receipt form will capture the commercial license number, expiration date and will also on the imprinting machine capture the dealer's license number. The information on

the commercial gear used, time fished, location, where fish were landed, species purchased, amount of each species purchased, size and condition of each species landed and transaction date will also be captured on the card. The dealer's and fishermen's copy will have a total dollar value but the department's copy will not include the total dollar value. The dealers will be responsible for mailing these to the department. Ms. Foote presented the resolution pertaining to the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card: Dealer Receipt Form and read the "Be It Resolved" portions .

Continuing, Ms. Foote presented the notice of intent on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form and an overhead. Ms. Foote explained that this notice goes along the same lines as the one that she had just presented which was a dealers based reporting system provided in R.S. 56:303. This next system is provided in R.S. 56:345(B) advised Mr. Foote. The purpose of this system is to capture information on the direct sales from the commercial fishermen to anybody but a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The law provides that the Commission can promulgate a form for this purpose through the APA. The card that is being proposed is similar to the previous form except for the bottom left hand area where the gear, time, area, etc. information has been left off. This card will include the commercial fisherman's license number, species sold to anyone other than a wholesale/retail dealer, amount of each species sold, size and condition, and transaction date. Additionally on the fisherman's copies that he would retain there would be a dollar value that would not be on the department's copies. The law provides that these reports, as approved by the Commission, would be sent in on a monthly basis. These forms would be used for each sale and would be collected by the commercial fisherman that is making direct sales and send them in monthly. Ms. Foote presented a resolution on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form and read the "Be It Resolved" portions.

Concluding, Ms. Foote advised that these were separate notices of intent and that in each notice a date is provided to receive public comments (November 15) on these proposed rules.

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commissioners on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card. Mr. Foret asked if where it says fish, does this included shrimp. Ms. Foote answered yes, it is the legal definition of fish which involves shrimp and living aquatic resources of sports or economic value. Mr. Foret asked if the department will furnish this form to the whole state of Louisiana. Ms. Foote answered yes. There will be no charge for the forms but a charge is being proposed for the embossing machines to recover the cost advised Ms. Foote. Legislation by Representative Randy Roach was passed in the last session that increased the gear fee for commercial gill nets that specifically said it could go towards the commercial licensing system. Mr. Foret asked about monthly mailings. Ms. Foote stated that the dealer will mail the forms in monthly and the department will provide as many forms as the dealer needs.

Chairman Jenkins called for public comments.

4 A gentleman from the audience asked about the size of the invoice. Ms. Foote stated that the legislation says it needs to be the size that would fit in an ordinary credit card machine. The gentleman stated that they were asking too much information to be put on the invoice. Mr. Foote advised that this system is modeled after a system used in Florida which has been successful there for three years. This is where Representative Roach looked into the system and came forward to the legislature with the system. Ms. Foote informed the audience that they know the industry is going to have a lot of comments on this and they have set the public comment period (written) through November 15 and would appreciate hearing from them. The department does plan to have an extensive effort on working with people to set up the form and making sure they know how to use it.

Another gentleman from the audience asked about the "B" part of the form and as he understands it you would be dealing directly with the fisherman. Ms. Foote stated that is correct. If a fisherman would retail to the ultimate consumer, selling his product off he would need to also fill out the document asked the gentleman. Mr. Foote answered correct, but what he would need to record was his license number and expiration date. The department does not expect the commercial fisherman to have the imprinting machine and the forms would be furnished to the commercial fisherman. The department is aware that there will be problems and they want to hear from the people over the next few months as this goes out for public comment advised Ms. Foote.

A gentleman from the audience asked what was the reason for omitting the data on where the fish/shrimp were caught on the second form as this is very valuable information no matter whom you are selling to. Ms. Foote advised that there is no reason that it cannot be considered to have this on the form if there is enough public comment. The thought was that for the commercial fisherman to have a batch of fish on his truck which may have been caught in different locations it would be hard for him to keep track of where they came from.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion on the Notice of Intent on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card; Dealer Receipt Form. A motion was made by Mr. Schneider to adopt and seconded by Mr. Foret. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card: Dealer Receipt Form

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:303.7 requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries commission to establish a

Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card and Receipt Form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen and

WHEREAS, Information provided by such a system is essential for fisheries management,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" and a four part dealer receipt form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen. The Notice of Intent attached to and made a part of this resolution is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

August 9, 1991

James H. Jenkins
Chairman

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

(The full text of the notice of intent is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fishermen's Sales Card" and a four-part dealer receipt form to be used by Wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen.

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provision

Section 101. Commercial Fisherman' Sales Card; Dealer Receipt Form

The proposed design and use are as follows:

A. The "Commercial Fisherman' Sales Card" shall be provided by the Department in lieu of the commercial fisherman's license. The card will be embossed with the following information:

1. Commercial fisherman's name
2. Commercial license number
3. Commercial fisherman's social security number
4. Expiration date
5. Residency status

B. The card shall be presented by the commercial fisherman to the wholesale/retail dealer at the time of sale.

C. The dealer receipt form shall be a four-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale.

1. Commercial fisherman's license number
2. Commercial fisherman's license expiration date
3. Wholesale/retail dealer's name
4. Wholesale/retail dealer's license number
5. Information on commercial gear used
6. Information on time fished
7. Information on location fished and fish landed
8. Species purchased
9. Amount of each species purchased
10. Size and condition of each species landed
11. Transaction date

D. The dealer and fisherman's copies of the receipt will provide space to record dollar value of the sale.

E. The dealer receipt form shall be used when fish are purchased or received from commercial fishermen. The portions of the dealer

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:345(B) requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a Commercial Fisherman's Report Form to be used by commercial fishermen to report in detail the quantity of each kind of fish sold to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer, and

WHEREAS, Information provided by such a system is essential for fisheries management,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form" that consists of a four part report form to be used by commercial fishermen to report in detail the quantity of each kind of fish sold to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The Notice of Intent attached to and make a part of this resolution is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

August 9, 1991

James H. Jenkins
Chairman

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

(The full text of the notice of intent is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman' Sales Report Form" that shall be filed monthly by commercial fishermen that sell fish to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer.

TITLE 76 WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provision Section 103. Commercial Fisherman' Sales Report Form

The proposed design and use are as follows:

A. The report form shall be a fur-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale by commercial fishermen to anyone other than resident wholesale/retail dealers.

1. Commercial fisherman's license number
2. Species sold to anyone other than a wholesale/retail dealer
3. Amount of each species sold
4. Size and condition of each species sold
5. Transaction date

B. The commercial fisherman's copies of the report form will provide space to record dollar value of the sale.

C. the report form shall be used when fish are sold by commercial fishermen to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer. The portions of the report form designated as "Department Copy" shall be returned to the Department by the 10th of each month to include sales during the previous month. Completed report forms shall be mailed to pre-determined address designated by the Department. Commercial fishermen are responsible for obtaining report forms from the Department and are responsible for filling in all of the information on the form.

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

Section 157. Netting Prohibition - False River Lake and Lake Concordia

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in False River Lake located in Pointe Coupee' Parish, and in Lake Concordia located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Said netting ban will become effective Friday, September 20, 1991.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).
HISTORICAL NOTE: promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (September 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission. There being none he called for comments from the public. There being no comments Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to adopt the rule on Lake Bartholomew. Mr. McCall made a motion for adoption. The motion was seconded by Mc. Jones and passed unanimously

(The full text of the rule is made
a part of the record)

RULE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

TITLE 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter I. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

Section 155. Netting Prohibition - Bartholomew Lake

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets and fish seines in Bartholomew Lake located in Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes, Louisiana. Said netting ban will become effective Friday, September 20, 1991.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (September 1991).

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

The Tentative Dates for the 1991-92 Duck, Coot and Goose Hunting Seasons were presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman and Mr. Robert Helm.

Mr. Bateman advised that the department has just completed an extensive series of meetings starting back in June regrading waterfowl hunting season dates. Mr. Bateman asked Mr. Robert Helm, Waterfowl Biologist, to present information relating to the duck and goose production.

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Mr. Helm gave a slide presentation and report on the ducks that breed in North America and the outlook of the upcoming season. Mr. Helm discussed the prairie pothole region which is the best well known area, 300,000 square miles, and produces traditionally most of the birds. This area has been most affected by man particularly in agriculture. When you get out of the prairie you get into the prairie ~~Parkland~~ region where there are more trees and agriculture is also present pointed out Mr. Helm. This area, when wet, also produces a significant amount of ducks each year. In northern Canada and Alaska there is basically a forest situation with deep water lakes and beaver ponds. Traditionally sixty percent of the breeding ducks were found in the prairie pothole regions. The 1980's have seen a big shift in this whereas sixty percent of the ducks are now found in northern Canada and Alaska. This indicated overflight of the prairies because of the drought.

Surveys were conducted in May with the outlook just before May being as bleak as it had been in the past ten years. However, in late April and early May things begin to turn around with a lot of rainfall. The ground was so dry that very little of the rain was available for runoff to fill the wetlands. The rains did encourage a lush vegetative growth and improved nesting conditions somewhat. The bottomline on the water in May was that in prairie Canada the ponds numbers fell about ten percent and increased about five percent in the northcentral U.S. An index was developed in May of the number of breeding ducks available. Mallard populations remain basically unchanged from 1990 remaining about five and a half million. Pintails continue to fall and falling an additional twenty percent in the breeding population. This is sixty two percent below the long term which is a thirty year average. Blue Wing Teal has had a big rebound movement this year. They jumped

up thirty four percent. The total ducks, bottomline, with the breeding ducks was up six percent from 1990. Green Wings and Gadwals are above the thirty year average. Scalp increased twenty five percent.

A second survey was conducted where an estimate of the number of ponds available for broods and ducks was developed. The May, June and July period in Canada and northcentral U.S. this year was one of the wettest on record. In some areas there were three to four hundred percent more rainfall than average. This stimulated plant growth and improved conditions for nesting ducks and will particularly benefit the birds that re-nest. Research was done on nesting female mallards and they found nesting attempts up to five times on some of the birds. In prairie Canada the July pond numbers went up to almost a hundred percent. At this time of the year this is the most optimistic situation that has been seeing in the prairie pothole region in the past ten years commented Mr. Helm. In July an index was developed called the Fall Flight Index which is an estimate of the total number of ducks on all four flyways. This year this is about sixty million which is up slightly from fifty seven million last year.

picked up.
The geese are continuing to do real well. White-fronts, Snows and Canadas which use Louisiana in the winter are continuing to do well and they nest far to the north of the duck breeding area in the far arctic. The spring thaw in this area was early this year and provided good nesting conditions for the geese. *T*

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Mr. Helm pointed out a slide on a dead bird pickup that was conducted on Catahoula Lake two winters ago. Approximately five hundred dead ducks were ~~picked~~ and was part of a lead poisoning die off that occurred during the winter in which eight to ten thousands ducks were estimated to have been lost. There is a special Catahoula Lake Zone proposed this year to address this issue concluded Mr. Helm. *muting*

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Mr. Bateman continued and advised that at the last Commission they had delayed any action on rails and gallinules and these dates will also be set tentative ~~today~~ by the Commission today. Mr. Bateman presented the following recommendations for migratory game birds including ducks, geese, coots, rails and gallinules.

Ducks and Coots (Closed Season on Canvasbacks)

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West Zone: Nov. 16 (Sat.)-Dec. 6 (Fri.) 21 days
Dec. 28 (Sat.)-Jan. 5 (Sun.) 9 days

East Zone: Nov. 23 (Sat.)-Dec. 1 (Sun.) 9 days
Dec. 16 (Mon.)-Jan. 5 (Sun.) 21 days

Experimental Catahoula Lake Zone (NEW) -
Nov. 23 (Sat.)-Dec. 22 (Sun.) 30 days

All of Catahoula Lake including those portions known locally as Round Prairie, Catfish Prairie and Frazier's Arm.

Daily Bag Limit: The daily bag limit on ducks is 3 and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail and 1 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Mergansers: The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

Possession Limit: The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

Geese: Statewide
 Nov. 16 (Sat.)-Dec. 7 (Sat.) 22 days

 Dec. 14 (Sat.)-Jan. 30 (Thurs.) 48 days
 Jan. 31 (Fri.)-Feb. 9 (Sun.) 10 days (Snow
 geese only)

Daily Bag Limit: Daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of blue, snow and white-fronted geese of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted (specklebellies) except as noted below. During the last 10 days (Jan. 31-Feb. 9), only blue and snow geese may be taken. During the Experimental Canada Goose Season (Jan. 22-Jan. 30) the daily bag limit for Canada and white-fronted geese is 2, of which not more than 1 can be a Canada goose. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Experimental Canada Goose Season - Jan. 22 (Wed.)-Jan. 30
(Thurs.) 9 days

An experimental Canada goose season will be open in a portion of southwest Louisiana. The area shall be described as follows:

Easterly from the Texas line along Hwy. 12 to Ragley; then easterly along U.S. 190 from Ragley to its junction with I-49 near Opelousas; then south along I-49 to its junction with Hwy. 167 near Lafayette; then south along Hwy. 167 from Lafayette to its junction with Hwy. 82 at Abbeville; then south and west along Hwy. 82 to the Intracoastal Waterway at Forked Island; then westerly along the Intracoastal Waterway

from Forked Island to the juncture of the Intracoastal Waterway and the Calcasieu Ship Channel; then south along the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel to Hwy. 82 at Cameron, then westerly along Hwy. 82 to the Texas State line. All lands lying within these boundaries shall be open for the Experimental Canada Goose Season EXCEPT all open water of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River from the Hwy. 14 bridge southward.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the Experimental Canada Goose Season. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from the Lake Charles, Opelousas and Baton Rouge Offices.

Return of harvest information requested on the permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 1992 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the Experimental Canada Goose Season the following year.

Rails - Nov. 16-Jan. 20

King and Clapper - daily bag limit is 15 in the aggregate, possession 30.

Sora and Virginia - daily bag and possession limit is 25 in the aggregate.

Gallinule - Nov. 16-Jan. 20. Daily bag limit is 15, possession 30.

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Mr. Bateman pointed out that after five years of gradual implementation, 1991-92 will have a statewide requirement for steel shot in Louisiana which is the Federal regulation for trying and correct the lead poisoning problem. From this point forward anybody hunting waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots) in Louisiana will be required to have "steel shot only" in their possession. Mr. Jones asked about rails and gallinules. Mr. Bateman advises that this is a requirement for ducks, geese and coots, not rails and gallinules.

Chairman Jenkins asked if the Commissioners had any questions. Mr. McCall asked how many geese were killed in the special season last year. Mr. Helm answered approximately five hundred. Mr. McCall asked if this number was more or less of what the department expected. Mr. Helm advised that it was a lot less. There were fourteen hundred permits issued. The season was very well received and went off smoothly.

*resulted in improvements ~~in~~ over
the steel shot that was available
in the mid 70's.*

There being no more questions from the Commissioners, Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the public.

A gentleman from the audience asked about the steel shot controversy about crippling. Mr. Bateman answered that this particular subject has been a key question since steel shot came on the scene fifteen years ago. There have been numerous studies conducted to determine whether or not there was a great increase in crippling loss with steel. A couple of studies, particularly one in Louisiana, showed that there was some increase in crippling loss but the technology of munitions development and production has ~~far out weighted which was had back in the mid 70's in terms of steel shot.~~ A better shell has been produced and hunters using it have learned how to shoot it. The bottom line is that now it is felt like there is a much greater savings in migratory birds to be gained by switching to steel shot than would be lost by any insignificant increase in crippling lost stated Mr. Bateman.

There being no other comments, Chairman Jenkins called on a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. McCall made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schneider and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 9, 1991

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Cocodrie, LA, August 9, 1991.

- WHEREAS, Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, has attended public hearings in Washington, D.C. on upland migratory birds and waterfowl, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing upland migratory season framework have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for upland migratory species including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for upland migratory species within the constraints of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of Emergency will be in effect beginning September 7, 1991 and extends through sunset February 23, 1992, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulation set for Louisiana's 1991-92 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

A. Kell McInnis III, Acting
Secretary, LA Dept. Wildlife
and Fisheries

James H. Jenkins, Jr. Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries Comm.

Mr. Dave Morrison gave a report on the 1991 LA Duck Stamp Competition.

Mr. Morrison informed the Commission that for informational purposes they want to officially announce the fourth year duck stamp competition. This year the competition will be held on November 6 at the Baton Rouge office. The species that will be featured on this year's design is going to be the Pintail. This has been a very successful program for the department. There is probably an excess of \$1.6 million dollars currently in the duck stamp fund advised Mr. Morrison and asked for questions.

Mr. Jones stated that he had heard some interesting comments about the duck stamp. This came from a collector of national duck stamps. He said that for years he had collected and had held great anticipation of a Louisiana duck stamp coming out but was someone upset when he found out that the artists were to be limited to Louisiana artists because it took away some great artist potential and value to the duck stamp itself. He reiterated the fact that it would be of more value and more of a collector's item if a Louisiana artist beat all the rest of the artists in the world to have the Louisiana duck stamp as opposed to isolating it once again to Louisiana artists. Mr. Jones stated that the intent, he is sure, was to help Louisiana artists but in turn it really has not done this, it has hurt the Duck Stamp Program a great deal and asked Mr. Morrison if wouldn't he agree. Mr. Morrison commented that he would tend to agree with Mr. Jones. The department's original outlook was to commission an artist. If an artist could

not be commissioned the department wanted to have a national competition but ended up with residency requirements for the first three years. At last years legislative session the Duck Stamp Act was amended to include artists domiciled in or native of Louisiana. This has broadened the scope for selection advised Mr. Morrison and will be in effect for about five years. After a short discussion on the domiciled/native requirement Mr. Jones stated that each year this continues the state is not benefitting from the Duck Stamp Program in the way they possibly could if they had a Louisiana artist beat all the artists in the country. Mr. Morrison pointed out that sales figures fell from about fifteen thousand first year to twenty five hundred second year. This is a tremendous decline. Mr. Jones stated that it could potentially come back up if national artists were brought in and a Louisiana artist beat all of them, which they could do. The Commission and department cannot do anything about this issue and it would be up to the legislature. This has not been to the benefit of Wildlife and Fisheries, it has been to the detriment of the department's purse that they have continued to force the department to live under the rule explained Mr. Jones. A gentleman from the audience asked if they thought the decline was related to the amount of people who stopped duck hunting. Mr. Morrison pointed out that the stamp is sold, a lot of times, as a collector's item and the department does understand that the first of state is going to generate an extremely high amount of sales and the second and third years due subsequently fall off, but the magnitude of the decline is driven by the artist and who the artist is. At this point Mr. Morrison read from the law pertaining to the residency of artist which read "the artist shall be selected by a competition which shall be opened to all artists who are either domiciled in or natives of Louisiana". Mr. Puckett, legal counsel, explained what domiciled meant.

Chairman Jenkins asked Mr. Morrison if he needed any action. Mr. Morrison advised that this was just for informational purposes.

The Minerals Committee Report and Recommendations; Shell Dredging, Central Coast Lease(s) were brought before the Commission by Mr. Warren Pol.

Mr. Pol reported that the bids for the mineral dredging were taken Friday a week ago. At that particular time the high bidder was Louisiana Dredging Company. The committee which was composed of James Jenkins, Jeff Schneider and Mr. Pol reviewed the bids and went over them with the Legal Section of the department. It is the recommendation of the committee to the Commission that the high bid be awarded to Louisiana Dredging Company. Louisiana Dredging Company's bid was approximately triple what the department is getting now for the shell advised Mr. Pol.

At this point in the meeting the **Commission Award of Bid(s); Shell Dredging Lease(s), Central Coast** was awarded.

Mr. Puckett, legal counsel, for the record advised that two bids were submitted. The bid that was submitted by Dravo Basic

Materials Company, Inc. was a 1/7 fractional portion of a selling price of \$10.80 which yielded \$1.54 per cubic yard. The bid submitted by Louisiana Dredging Company for tracts 1 and 2 was a 1/8 fractional portion of a selling price per cubic yard of \$21.36 which yielded a royalty to the department of \$2.67 per cubic yard. Both bids were for tracts 1 and 2 in globo concluded Mr. Puckett. Chairman Jenkins asked if there were any questions from the Commissioners about the bids. There being none Chairman Jenkins asked Mr. Puckett to read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portion of the resolution.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Pol made the motion for adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall. Chairman Jenkins called for comments from the public. There being none he called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
AWARD OF SHELL DREDGING LEASE

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited bids for shell dredging leases for Tracts 1 and 2, said tracts having been previously described for formal action of this Commission;

And it being the recommendation of the Minerals Committee that the bid most advantageous to the state is that submitted by Louisiana Dredging Company for Said tracts 1 and 2 in globo;

and the Commission accepting the recommendation of the Minerals Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally award the lease for said Tracts 1 and 2 to Louisiana Dredging Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized representative of Louisiana Dredging Company shall be immediately furnished with copies of the lease which lease shall be returned to the Department for execution no later than twenty (20) days from today's date along with the requisite performance bonds and certificates of insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby designate A. Kell McInnis, III, Acting Secretary of the Department, or his designee, as its agent for execution of this lease and any other necessary documents, and to perform any and all other acts necessary to effectuate this lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the return of the lease form and

the other requisite documents, the lease shall be simultaneously executed by the Acting Secretary, or his designee, and the duly authorized corporate agent of Louisiana Dredging Company at the office of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on the ____ day of _____, 1991.

A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary

Two Resolutions For Approval of Land Acquisitions were brought before the Commission by Mr. Hugh Bateman and Dr. Robert H. Chabreck.

Mr. Bateman explained that this resolution will obtain the Commission's permission for the department to proceed with the acquisition of a 161 acre tract of land in Catahoula Parish Louisiana which is an inholding within the Sicily Island Hills Wildlife Management Area. The location of the land makes it desirable for the department to acquire. All the proper procedures and authorities have been received by the department. The purchase price is \$40,000.00 for the 161 acres and brings it to \$248.44 per acre concluded Mr. Bateman.

Chairman Jenkins called for questions from the Commission. There being none he called for questions from the public. Chairman Jenkins asked Mr. Bateman to read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portion of the resolution.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to adopt the resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Schneider. The motion passed unanimously

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT COCODRIE, LA. AUG. 9, 1991

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of acquiring lands for outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has an active land acquisition program, and

WHEREAS, the game division staff, in concurrence with the land acquisition committee, have actively pursued purchase of a certain 161 acre tract of land in Catahoula parish, and

WHEREAS, this activity has resulted in the negotiation of a Purchase Agreement which has been agreed to by both Davidson College and this Department, and

WHEREAS, the purchase price which as ben agreed upon is forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to consummate these negotiations through Cash Sale and to acquire said lands and include these lands into the Department's Wildlife Management Area program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly acquired lands be included and made a part of the Sicily Island Hills WMA which has previously been Proclamated by the Governor.

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary, LA Dept. of
Wildlife and Fisheries

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman, LA Wildlife and
Commission

Continuing with land acquisition Dr. Robert Chabreck reported that the department has two types of lands that they manage. They are the wildlife refuges and the wildlife management areas. The area that is being proposed is to be designated as a Habitat Conservation Area advised Dr. Chabreck. The area is in West Feliciana Parish and consist of 581 acres. The area shall be known as the Tunic Hills Habitat Conservation Area. The purchase price that has been agreed ~~up~~ is \$400,000. The resolution, which the Commission will be asked to approve, will authorize the purchase of the area. Dr. Chabreck proceeded to read the resolution. The area is a old age stand timber about twelve miles northwest of St. Francisville.

Chairman Jenkins asked if the Commission had any questions. Mr. Jones asked how the department was planning on managing this area as a Habitat Conservation outdoor recreation area. Dr. Chabreck advised that it is set up under the Natural Heritage Program and is a unique habitat that has been identified in Louisiana. The area will be managed for public recreation and use. It will also be opened for public hunting.

Mr. Pol advised that if the committee met on this land acquisition he was not invited and recommended that they defer on this item.

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Acting Secretary McInnis stated that based on the Acquisition Task Force approval and the information available a closing has been scheduled and is within the designated time frame that is necessary to effectuate the purchase of August 20th. Acting Secretary asked the Commission to take this into consideration and asked that they have a special meeting between now and that date if it is deferred. Mr. Pol stated that he will meet at anytime when he is invited but was not invited on this and it did not come before the committee as a whole. Dr. Chabreck advised that there was a meeting that was held and Mr. Johnnie Tarver brought this up. Mr. Pol commented that this was not approved. Chairman Jenkins stating "if time is a question" recommended that a motion be made to approve this resolution subject to the committee meeting in approving it. Mr. Pol advised that this was fine with him.

Mr. Schneider made a motion that this resolution be approved subjected to the committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously. Chairman Jenkins advised that this was deferred subject to a meeting of the committee which will be scheduled as soon as possible.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT COCODRIE, LA AUG. 9, 1991

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries both recognize the value of acquiring lands for habitat conservation and outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has an active land acquisition program, and

WHEREAS, the habitat conservation division staff, in concurrence with appointed commission members, have actively pursued purchase of a certain 581 acre tract of land in West Feliciana Parish, and

WHEREAS, this activity has resulted in the negotiation of a Purchase Agreement which has been accepted by both Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation and this Department, and

WHEREAS, the purchase price which has been agreed upon is four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to consummate these negotiations through Cash Sale and to

acquire said lands and include these lands into the Department's Habitat Conservation Area program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said lands be designated as the Tunica Hills Habitat Conservation Area.

A. Kell McInnis, III
Acting Secretary, LA Dept.
of Wildlife & Fisheries

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance Recognition (RAMSAR Treaty Designation) was presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman and Mr. Jimmy Emfinger.

Mr. Bateman advised that Mr. Jimmy Emfinger, Waterfowl Coordinator, will be handling this item and the only comment he would like to offer is that the department has been working on this for about a year and a half and have gone through a fairly extensive effort with the Fish and Wildlife Service and several other agencies to get this accomplished. Mr. Bateman asked Mr. Emfinger to give the details on this item to the Commission.

Mr. Emfinger reported that in May 1990 the staff submitted the paperwork necessary to have Catahoula Lake which is located in central Louisiana designated as a wetland of international importance through the Convention of Wetlands of International Importance sometimes known as the RAMSAR Convention. This convention is named after a city in Iran where the guidelines of the convention were adopted. Designation of Catahoula Lake was acknowledged in June of 1991. This makes the tenth site so designated in the United States. Some other sites that have been included are the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Everglades National Park, Chesapeake Bay and the Lower White River Cache River Basin in Arkansas. Designation as a wetland of international importance recognizes a wide use concept of management. These wetlands need not be nature preserves. Some exploitation of the wetland is allowed as long as the integrity of the wetland is maintained. Designation will bring much needed attention to Catahoula Lake and could also be used to prevent any upsetting of the natural integrity or its value for wildlife. Mr. Emfinger read the resolution before the Commission. The designation ceremonies have been set for October 27 at Pineville, Louisiana, in association with the Annual Catahoula Waterfowl Festival concluded Mr. Emfinger.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion on the resolution. A motion was made by Mr. McCall for approval and seconded by Mr. Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Emfinger, at this point in the meeting, passed out the State Action Plan for the North American Waterfowl Management to each Commissioner. This plan outlines the state's activities towards meeting the goals of the North American.

Acting Secretary McInnis reiterated that the dedication ceremonies for Catahoula Lake will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m., October 27 in Pineville, on the southern end of the lake during the Catahoula Lake Duck Festival. Mr. Emfinger advised that there are tentative plans for scheduling a field trip on the lake on Saturday afternoon, October 26. The details are being worked out now and stated Mr. Emfinger and invited the Commission members to attend.

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COCODRIE, LA, AUGUST 9,
1991

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission both recognize the value of wetlands to wildlife, and

WHEREAS, Catahoula Lake has long been recognized as an important wintering area for waterfowl, shore/wading birds, and other forms of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has petitioned the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to designate Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance in accordance with the terms of Article 2.5 of the Convention of Wetlands of International Importance, and

WHEREAS, the Convention has approved this request and has designated Catahoula Lake as such, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby endorse and support the designation of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to accept the site diploma on behalf of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

A. Kell McInnis III, Acting
Secretary, LA Dept. Wildlife
and Fisheries

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries
Fisheries Commission

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for July was given by Lt. Colonel Charlie Clark.

Lt. Colonel Clark advised that he would also ~~would~~ reporting on the wholesale activity and actual reporting. This report will show the number of man hours carried in each region, the number of citations that were issued, the businesses or persons that were checked or attempted to check. This is an ongoing program and is something that enforcement is doing everyday. The number of hours were quite substantial with 1,216 hours spent on this activity with 234 citations out of 620 attempts being issued.

The following citations were issued in the different regions.

Region I - Minden - 138 cases. There were 59 boating cases; 30 angling without a license; 2 undersized black bass; 3 thefts of pond raised fish; 22 failed to report commercial fishery data; 6 violations were for hunting; 8 for alligator; 2 DWI's in boats; and 1 littering case. Confiscations included 5 alligators and 9 undersized black bass.

Region II - Monroe - 111 cases. There were 39 boating cases; 61 angling without a license; 1 failure to report commercial fishery data; 5 violations for hunting; 1 possession of undersized commercial fish; and 1 DWI's in boats. No confiscations.

Region III - Alexandria - 231 cases. There were 101 boating cases; 89 angling without a license; 18 fishing without a resident pole license; 4 taking and possession of undersized gamefish; 2 failure to have commercial license in possession; 1 sell commercial fish without a wholesale/retail license; 6 failed to report commercial fishery data; 2 hunting cases; 3 criminal trespassing; and 2 littering. Confiscated were 684 pounds of catfish; a spotted fawn; 6 hp. Yamaha outboard motor; 25 hp. Evinrude; 2 black bass and 3 pounds of shrimp (roadside stand)

Region IV - Ferriday - 154 cases. There were 61 boating cases; 67 angling without a license; 12 commercial fishing violations; 7 failed to report commercial fishery data; 2 hunting from a moving vehicle; 11 hunting altogether; 1 littering; and 1 operating a ATV on a public road. Confiscated were 16 bass; 41 bream; 52 white perch; 8 catfish; alligator hide; shocking device; rabbit; hoop nets; 2 cast nets; dip nets; 1 fourteen foot boat; and a trailer with a 15 hp. motor

Region V - Lake Charles - 222 cases. There were 62 boating cases; 78 fishing without a license; 21 possession over the limit of red drum; 6 commercial violations within the 30 failure to maintain report data on commercial fishery; 2 trawling in closed season; and 14 littering. Confiscated were 13 red drum; 2 black drum; 8 catfish; 3 crabs; 8 hoop nets; 2 butterfly nets; and 350 pounds of shrimp.

Region VI - Opelousas - 223 cases. There were 123 boating cases; 41 angling without a license; 15 fishing without a resident pole license; 9 taking over the limit of undersized gamefish; 2 taking undersized red drum; 2 taking undersize spotted seatrout; 1 possession undersized black drum; 2 selling without wholesale/retail license; 1 taking possession of undersized fish; 23 failure to report fishery data; 2 trawling in closed season; and 2 DWI's. Confiscated were 2 trout; 2 redbfish; 313 sac-a-lait; and 56 bass.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 355 cases. There were 121 boating cases; 139 fishing without a license; 1 taking commercial fish without a commercial license; 1 catching fish without a gear license; 2 selling without wholesale/retail dealer's license; 77 failure to report commercial fishery data; 1 hunting turkey without a resident big game; 3 taking alligators closed season; 3 possession of live alligators without a permit; 1 resisting arrest; 1 DWI; and 5 littering. Confiscated were 1 alligator; and 1,200 foot of gill net.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 254 cases. There were 33 cases for angling without a license; 4 angling without a saltwater license; 52 commercial fishery violations; 101 failure to report commercial fishery data; 3 trawling in closed season; 3 taking alligators without a license; 3 taking and possessing alligators in closed seasons; 2 possession of live alligators without a permit; and 1 DWI. Confiscated were 38 gill nets totaling 10,560 foot; boat and trailer; oyster dredge; 3 trawls; rifle; truck; 2 copies of records; 15 sacks of oysters; catfish; 10 pounds of shrimp; 3 boxes of crabs; and 1,148 pounds of fish which sold for \$1,761.00.

Region IX - Gray - 508 cases. There were 82 boating cases; 132 fishing without a license; 49 angling without a saltwater license; 127 commercial fishing violations; 1 DWI; 1 flight from an officer; 1 taking and possession of alligators in closed season; and 2 illegal possession of alligator eggs and hides. Confiscated were 185 seatrout; 30 black drum; 52 reds; 125 black bass; 5,721 pounds of shrimp; 80 pounds of catfish; 181 crabs; 2 snappers; 25 sacks of oysters; 4 spanish mackerel; 5 alligators; dove; bluejays; 10 squirrels; 4 commercial licenses; 18 butterfly nets; 90 hp. outboard motor; 4 trawls; and a oyster dredge.

The Oyster Strike Force had a total of 52 cases with just about all of them involving illegal oyster fishing or without a license. One trawling in closed season case was made; four unattended gill net cases; and six boating safety citations. Confiscated were 4 boats; 3 dredges; 65 sacks of oysters; and 400 pounds of shrimp.

Mr. Pol asked what did the department get for the 5,700 pounds of shrimp, where they sold. Lt. Colonel Clark stated yes they were sold and he would have to get that information for Mr. Pol.

There were 22 citations given by the SWEP section with all of them

trawling in closed season. Confiscated were 18 trawls, 2,742 pounds of shrimp that sold for \$3,750.75.

Total cases for the month of July were 2,264 with 2,145 being enforcement and the rest being other concluded Lt. Colonel Clark.

A Resolution for the 1991 Louisiana National Hunting and Fishing Day was presented by Mr. Bob Dennie.

Mr. Dennie stated that today he would like to ask the Commission to accept the resolution on Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day. Mr. Dennie proceeded to read the "Therefore Be It Resolved" portion of the resolution proclaiming September 29, 1991, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day and urges all citizens to join with the sportsmen and conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of the natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations and to take part in Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day activities. This year the Honorary Chairman of National Hunting and Fishing Day is President George Bush.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is
made a part of the resolution)

LA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition, and

WHEREAS, since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the funding of state fish and game departments in all fifty states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies, in the last fifty years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were fifty years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefitted numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, through their publications and organizations such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission here by proclaiming September 28, 1991, as Louisiana's National hunting and Fishing Day in Louisiana. The Commission urges all of our citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations. Further, the Commission urges all citizens to take part in Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day activities on September 18, 1991, to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

The **Date for the November Meeting** was set. The date for the November Commission meeting was set for November 8, 1991, to be held in Baton Rouge at the Wildlife and Fisheries building at 10 a.m.

Acting Secretary A. Kell McInnis III gave the **Acting Secretary's Report to the Commission.**

Acting Secretary McInnis reported that very shortly a summation of all the bills that the department tracked through the regular legislative session will be provided to the Commission and staff. During the special session there were three bills pertaining to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries introduced. The only one that made progress was the one dedicating waterfowl week in Mer Rouge, Louisiana. a

The Lifetime License passed and will be available in January 1992. The Credit Card System was pushed through and given funding and the department will be working on this. The sales card license will assist in refining the process and make it more affective for the fishermen. The information gained by the department is very beneficial. The redfish was named as ~~the~~ gamefish but more important to the department and Commission is that the Commission was given the authority to manage both redfish (red drum) and spotted seatrout (speckled trout) advised Acting Secretary McInnis.

In the near future there will be recommendations from staff as to some potential methods to handle this for the Commission's consideration. There were several bills on different types of gear (oysters and shrimp), where you could drag, what needed to be posted that were cleanup rules that were proposed by local legislators trying to iron out differences. There was a prohibition for the department or the Secretary issuing any type of permit that allowed culling in a closed area. The department worked with the Department of Health to resolve this situation with legislation being introduced and approved. Now by permit the department can work with people involved with depuration operation to get this moving without being in violation of the law.

Last week the Oysters Growers and Dealers Association met in New Orleans. It was pointed out that they have had a very difficult time in the last two years. Mother nature created havoc in the oyster industry. The industry is working hard to overcome, not only bad press, but some difficult times with the freshwater. In conjunction with this staff members and Acting Secretary McInnis will be attending the International Shellfish Conference scheduled next week to work with the oyster industry.

Another thing that has been in the news a lot advised Acting Secretary McInnis are the fish kills that have taken place. People have called the department and have asked why we were not involved in monitoring the fish kills. The department is involved and the staff is working very closely with the Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Agriculture trying to identify and get numbers on these fish that have been killed. It is not within the jurisdiction of the department to ascertain the reason for the kill but lies within the other departments. However, if it is determined that any individual has in violation of the law caused one of these fish kills the department's through its civil penalties process will be pursued. The department is monitoring the situation and if this is the case will move forward as quickly as possible.

As far as civil penalties are concerned the legal staff is working with the administrative people trying to ascertain exactly where they are with those civil penalties that have not been paid. The department will be pursuing these shortly. In the next thirty to sixty days there will be some litigation filed to enforce these particular civil penalties.

The Habitat Conservation Section has been very busy. They have been working with LSU as well as the Fisheries Division on the four or five rivers that have been designated as scenic river. They have also been working with the Fish and Wildlife Service on the Red-cockaded Woodpecker situation.

Acting Secretary McInnis advised that one final thing he would like to recognize is that one of the staff members, Wade Byrd, was honored recently by the Isaac Walton League for the show done on outdoor ethics on "Louisiana Conservationist". A plaque was

awarded to Mr. Byrd and will be housed at the Wildlife and Fisheries office advised Acting Secretary McInnis.

Chairman Jenkins stated that on the new laws on the redbfish and speckled trout he would like to ask Dr. Clark a couple of things. Chairman Jenkins asked Dr. Clark to tell them a little bit about the particulars of the fisheries policy that was passed.

Dr. Clark advised that the fisheries policy is a relatively complicated document. It includes definitions, whole series of principles, objectives for fisheries management and how all of these are going to melt together and make fisheries policy for the state. This policy is going to be equal to and like the process of the Magnenson Act in the Federal waters because it was basically modeled after the Magnenson Act which has been in place in 1976. This act has been discussed and argued ever since and Dr. Clark believes that the policy is going to have that kind of impact on what is going on in Louisiana.

Chairman Jenkins, who is going to develop the criteria, is the department going to get together and develop some options, for the next meeting, for the Commission to look at on the way to improve the speckled trout fishery. Dr. Clark advised that if the Commission would like for the department to do this, they can. Mr. Pol stated that they had talked with Acting Secretary McInnis about this a couple of weeks ago and they had thought he had told Dr. Clark that they would like to have this for the next meeting. Chairman Jenkins asked Dr. Clark to get together whatever he can for the September meeting, in terms of options, for the Commission to look at. Mr. Pol commented that two years ago they brought people to Baton Rouge to meet with the department about sanctuaries on Vermilion and since that time he has not heard anything further about this. Dr. Clark advised that the department is just a few months away from having a first draft of the Shrimp Management Plan and within the plan sanctuaries will be discussed. Dr. Clark suggested that if the department is going to bring forward to the Commission some options on managing spotted seatrout this will break some new ground for the Commission. By this he means the department normally brings to the Commission a resolution and/or a recommendation for Commission action by staff and sometimes not always present data, figures, overheads, slides, etc. If the department is going to go into preparing options Dr. Clark suggested that they set aside at least a couple of hours, maybe more, for this agenda item. Chairman Jenkins asked if there was a Commission Marine Finfish Committee and if not they could appoint one. Chairman Jenkins suggested that this committee could work with Dr. Clark and the staff thus saving a lot of the time that would be used at a public meeting. Dr. Clark stated that the department is at the Commission's disposal. Chairman Jenkins appointed Mr. Schneider and Mr. Pol to serve on this committee. Dr. Clark requested that this committee meet for a whole day with staff. Chairman Jenkins directed Dr. Clark to pick a day that the committee and staff could meet at which time they would try to get as much done as they could for the September meeting. Dr. Clark

advised that his goal would be to take the committee through step one all the way. Mr. Pol stated that the Commission is not looking to complicate this issue. The gill netting season begins again September 1, 1991. The Commission is looking for some kind of a recommendation or plan that is simple for the Commission. The Commission does not want the netting season to run again for another eleven or twelve months and would like some options that the Commission can look at and see that will be fair to both the commercial and recreational fishermen. Dr. Clark stated that he is not suggesting complicated solutions but that simple solutions often need complicated discussions.

Chairman Jenkins called for **Public Comments**.

Mr. George Barrisich, commercial fisherman from St. Bernard Parish, addressed the Commission. Mr. Barrisich had addressed the Commission at an earlier date and advised that he is protesting the same problem, just a different resource, the unwarranty closing of the Breton - Chandeleur Sound. There is no accurate biological data to substantiate the closing. When it was reopened for four nights and five days the shrimp that were harvested were 31-35 or 26-30 count brown shrimp. There were no substantial amount of juvenile white shrimp harvested yet the fishermen are still prohibited from harvesting the brown shrimp that are there now. Last year's closure of the sound was financially devastating to Louisiana and its residential fishermen. Ninety five percent of the out of season cases last year were against out-of-state boats. The end result was that Louisiana boats were prohibited from harvesting a good crop of mature brown shrimp and all the economy ~~stipulating effects~~ of shrimp production and processing were bypassed, the state. Therefore, not only were Louisiana shrimp fishermen hurt but the state itself suffered. The fishermen cannot survive ~~to~~ many more of the closures. The system that is rapidly developing is producing far reaching counter productive results. The fishermen need to know for future years what the trend is going to be because if more unwarranty closures are in sight the fishermen have to start something now, legislative, to protect themselves. Mr. Barrisich advised that he was authorized to ask the Commission to use its emergency power and reopen the sound so that the mature brown shrimp are not lost and asked if anybody can give him some insight as to why the sound was closed.

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Chairman Jenkins asked if there were any volunteers. Captain Vujnovich stated that he has had about forty telephone calls asking that the Commission try and keep the shrimp season open and suggested that maybe they can try to do the same thing with the sound like they do for Grand Isle. Mr. Barrisich offered his help to the department ~~in anyway~~ in this matter.

Mr. Foret asked Mr. Barrisich if he felt like the sound should be opened year round. Mr. Barrisich stated that he did. Mr. Foret asked if the shrimp in the sound migrate as much in that area as they do in other parts of the state. Mr. Barrisich stated that they are going to come in and out with the tide.

Chairman Jenkins advised that the Commission and department were going to work on this and called for further public comments.

Mr. Jones advised that there was a lot of discussion at the last Commission meeting concerning the wildlife management areas and how the policies were going to change. In the interim Mr. Jones has had some meetings with groups on the other side who were somewhat unaware of what exactly the position was on how the check stations were going to be manned on the wildlife management areas. Mr. Jones suggested that a press release be sent out that would indicate what the true intentions were going to be. The department needs to think about how they are going to do this as it will be a personnel headache stated Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones made the suggestion that a formal press release be done to let these people know the pro-active stance that is being taken as opposed to re-acting on it.

Acting Secretary McInnis advised Mr. Jones that he has no problem with developing a press release that will help the public understand this and stated that he was somewhat dismayed that those individuals who met with Mr. Jones expressed surprise in as much as Mr. Bateman and other members of the staff met with them on three separate occasions and explained all of this to them. The department will put out a formal news release just so the public will have a good perception of what is going on advised Acting Secretary McInnis.

There being no other business or public comments, Chairman Jenkins called for a motion for **Adjournment**. Mr. McCall made a motion that the August 9, 1991, Commission meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Captain Vujnovich and passed unanimously.

A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JULY 1991

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-JULY 1991

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-138

ENFORCEMENT-136

OTHER - 2

59-Boating

11-Angling W/O A License

19-Fish Without Resident Pole License

2-Take Undersize Black Bass

3-Theft Of Pond Raised Fish

22-Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

1-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds Without Permit

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear C/S

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours

1-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road

5-Take Alligators W/O License

5-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

2-Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

2-DWI

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

5 alligators-released back to wild, 9 undersize black bass.

REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-111

ENFORCEMENT-111

OTHER - 0

39-Boating

30-Angling W/O A License

31-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Fish To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

1-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

2-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Levee Road

2-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

1-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

1-DWI

1-Littering

11-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

none.

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-231

ENFORCEMENT-225

OTHER - 6

101-Boating

89-Angling W/O A License

18-Fish Without Resident Pole License

4-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Gamefish

2-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

REGION 3 CONT'D.

2-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

6-Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or
Road Right-Of-Way

1-Take/Possess Spotted Fawn

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

3-Criminal Trespass On State Property

2-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

684 lbs. of catfish, 1 spotted fawn, 1-6 h.p. Yamaha outboard motor, 1-25 h.p. Evinrude outboard motor,
2 black bass, 3 lbs. shrimp.

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-154

ENFORCEMENT-154

OTHER - 0

61-Boating

1-Allow Another To Use Recreational License

32-Angling W/O A License

35-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Take Game Fish Illegally

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species
W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

2-Taking Fish Illegally

7-Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

REGION 4 CONT'D.

2-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear C/S

2-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours

2-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road

1-Fail To Comply With Alligator Parts Tagging Required

2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

1-Littering

1-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

16 Bass, 41 bream, 52 white perch, 8 catfish, 1 alligator hide, 1 shocking device, 1 rifle, 1 hoop nets, 2 cast nets, 2 dip nets, 1-14 foot aluminum boat, 1 boat trailer, 1-15 h.p. outboard motor, 1 battery.

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-222

ENFORCEMENT-217

OTHER - 5

62-Boating

74-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O Saltwater License

21-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

4-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

4-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

1-Take/Possess Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species

W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

2-Fail To Maintain Records

REGION 5 CONT'D.

1-Use Illegal Mesh Nets

30-Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

2-Trawling In Closed Season

14-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

13 red drum, 2 black drum, 8 catfish, 3 crabs, 8 hoop nets, 2-16X12 butterfly nets, 350 lbs. shrimp.

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-223

ENFORCEMENT-214

OTHER - 9

123-Boating

41-Angling W/O A License

15-Fish Without Resident Pole License

9-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Gamefish

2-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

2-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's
License

1-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

23-Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

2-Butterflying In Closed Season

2-DWI

CONFISCATIONS:

1-10 1/2 inch speckled trout, 1-10 inch spotted sea trout, 1-9 inch red drum, 28 lbs. undersize eel catfish, 313
sac-a-lait, 1-13 inch black drum, 1-12 inch red drum, 46 black bass, 10 bass.

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-355

ENFORCEMENT-355

OTHER - 0

121-Boating

103-Angling Without A License

36-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

77-Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

1-Hunt Turkey W/O Res. Big Game License

3-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

3-Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit

1-Resisting Arrest

1-DWI

5-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

1 alligator, 1200 feet of gill net.

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-254

ENFORCEMENT-238

OTHER - 16

40-Boating

33-Angling W/O A License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

4-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Take Game Fish Illegally

1-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

7-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

3-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species

W/O Commercial License

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

4-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Use Illegal Mesh Nets

9-Leave Nets Unattended

5-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

5-Take/Possess Oysters Without Oyster Harvester License

2-Use Illegal Length Nets

6-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

101-Failure To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

REGION 8 CONT'D.

3-Trawling In Closed Season

2-Failure To Have Written Permission

2-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area

2-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease

1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

3-Take Alligators W/O License

3-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

2-Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit

1-DWI

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

38 gill nets=10,560 feet, 1 boat, 1 trailer, 1 oyster dredge, 3 trawls, 1 rifle, 1 truck, 2 sets of copies of records, 15 sacks of oysters, 1 catfish, 10 lbs. shrimp, 3 boxes of crabs, 1,148 lbs. of fish, seafood sold for \$1,761.20.

REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-508

ENFORCEMENT-495

OTHER - 13

82-Boating

112-Angling W/O A License

20-Fish Without Resident Pole License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

49-Angling W/o Saltwater License

3-Not Abiding by Rules And Regulations Of Commission

11-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Gamefish

1-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

REGION 9 CONT'D.

25-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

29-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

2-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

10-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

7-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations

2-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman

2-Blocking Passage of Fish

13-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

3-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

31-Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

4-Leave Nets Unattended

12-Trawling In Closed Season

4-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board

25-Butterflying In Closed Season

4-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear

4-Failure To Have Written Permission

2-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms

7-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease

REGION 9 CONT'D.

2-Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel

12-Harvest Oysters Without Oyster Harvester License

4-Take Oysters Illegal Hours

1-Unlawful Taking Of Wild Birds

1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds Without Permit

1-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds-No Season

1-Trapping Non-Game MGB

2-Littering

1-DWI

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Flight From An Officer

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

2-Illegal Poss. Of Alligators Eggs, Or Their Skins

CONFISCATIONS:

185 sea trout, 30 black drum, 52 red drum, 125 black bass, 5,721 lbs. of shrimp, 80 lbs. of catfish, 181 crabs, 2 snappers, 25 sacks of oysters, 4 spanish mackerel, 5 alligators, 8 bluejays, 2 doves, 10 squirrels, 4 commercial licenses, 18 butterfly nets, 90 h.p. outboard motor, 4 trawls, 1 oyster dredge.

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-52

7-Take Oysters From Private Lease

3-Take Oysters Without Written Permission

4-Take Oysters Illegal Hours

2-Take Oysters From Unleased State Water Bottom

10-No Harvester License

5-Have No Commercial License

4-Have No Vessel License

2-No Gear License

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

2-Take Shrimp Illegal Method

1-Trawl In Closed Season

4-Leave Nets Unattended

6-Boat Safety violations

CONFISCATIONS:

4 boats, 3 dredges, 65 sacks of oysters, 400 lbs. of shrimp.

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S.W.E.P

ENGINE HOURS-160

BOATS CHECKED-125

22 CITATIONS

22-Trawling In Closed Season

CONFISCATIONS:

18 trawls, 2,742 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$3750.75.

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-2145

TOTAL CASES OTHER - 51

TOTAL CASES SWEP - 17

TOTAL CASES OSF - 51

GRAND TOTAL -2264

102 8/8/91

Approved: _____
A. Kell McInnis, III

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NEWS RELEASE

The 1991 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zones I and II of the state's inshore waters will open at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19th as a result of action taken by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its August 9th meeting at Cocodrie, Louisiana. The shrimp season in Zone III opened on August 7th.

Zone I extends from the Mississippi state line to South Pass of the Mississippi River and Zone II extends from South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biological monitoring data indicated that the shrimp will be of harvestable size by the proposed opening date, however, shrimpers are reminded that the legal count on white shrimp is 100 per pound.

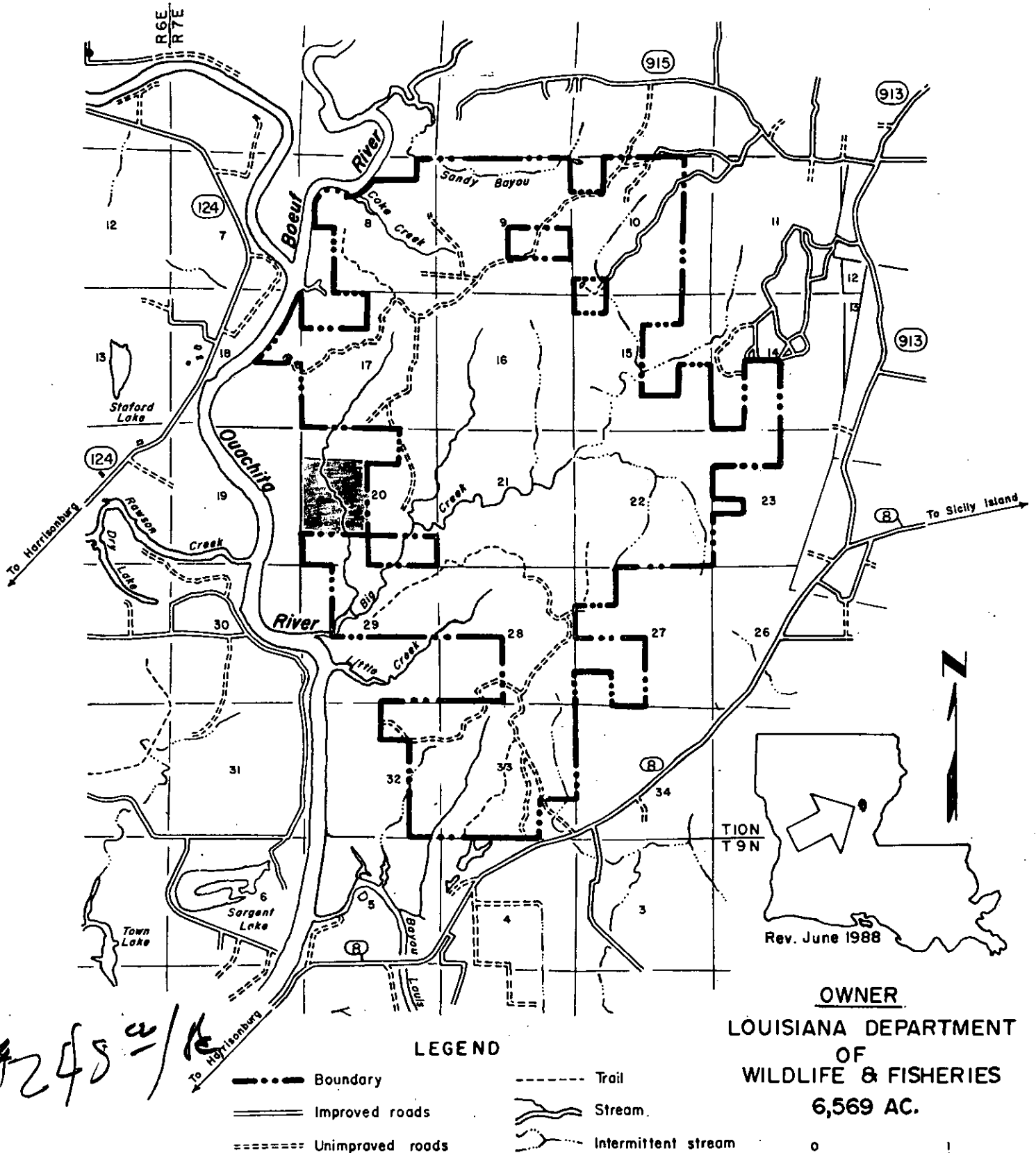
Editors: For more information, contact John Roussel (504-765-2384).

STATISTICS ON WHOLESALE/RETAIL DEALERS CHECKED IN JULY

REGION	MAN HOURS	CITATIONS	PERSON'S CHECKED
1	79	21	33
2	64	5	18
3	76	6	53
4	88	7	17
5	198	26	71
6	131	23	86
7	192	77	120
8	216	31	158
9	172	38	64
TOTAL	1,216	234	620

SICILY ISLAND HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(6,569.28 Ac.)



Davidson College Tract, 161 Ac.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Paired

7a.

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The proposed design and use are as follows:

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Wildlife and Fisheries
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A. The "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" shall be provided by the Department in lieu of the commercial fisherman's license. The card will be embossed with the following information:

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2. Commercial license number
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5. Residency status

B. The Card shall be presented by the commercial fisherman to the wholesale/retail dealer at the time of sale.

C. The dealer receipt form shall be a four-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale.

1. Commercial fisherman's license number
2. Commercial fisherman's license expiration date

3. Wholesale/retail dealer's name
4. Wholesale/retail dealer's license number
5. Information on commercial gear used
6. Information on time fished
7. Information on location fished and fish landed
8. Species purchased
9. Amount of each species purchased
10. Size and condition of each species landed
11. Transaction date

D. ~~Additionally,~~ ^I the dealer and fisherman's copies of the receipt will provide space to record dollar value of the sale.

E. The dealer receipt form shall be used when fish are purchased or received from commercial fishermen. The portions of the dealer receipt form designated as "Department Copy" shall be returned to the Department by the 10th of each month to include purchases made during the previous month. Completed receipt forms shall be mailed to a pre-determined address designated by the Department. Commercial wholesale/retail dealers are responsible for obtaining dealer receipt forms from the Department and are responsible for filling in all of the information on the form. Imprinting machines will be sold by the Department to the dealers at the Department's total cost. Only Department issued or approved imprinting machines shall be used.

~~F. Design Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card; Dealer Receipt Form~~
(Put Card Design)

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to the following address before November 15, 1991: Karen Foote, Administrator, Fisheries Research Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, ~~PO~~ Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated ~~by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries~~ in accordance with RS 56:303.7.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17: (1991)

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card: Dealer Receipt Form

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:303.7 requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card and Receipt Form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen and

WHEREAS, Information provided by such a system is essential for fisheries management,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana ~~Department of~~ Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card" and a four part dealer receipt form to be used by wholesale/retail dealers who purchase fish from commercial fishermen. The Notice of Intent attached to and made a part of this resolution is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

August 9, 1991

James H. Jenkins
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A. Kell McInnis III
Acting Secretary

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt rules and regulations establishing the design and use of a "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form" that shall be filed monthly by commercial fishermen that sell fish to anyone other than a resident wholesale/retail dealer.

The proposed design and use are as follows:

Title 76 Wildlife and Fisheries Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

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A. The report form shall be a four-part numbered form provided by the Department that will allow the Department to obtain the following information from each sale by commercial fishermen to anyone other than resident wholesale/retail dealers.

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August 8 , 1991

Approved A. K. M. L.

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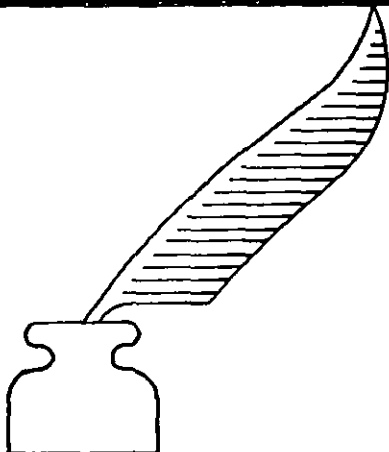
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July 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: A. Kell McInnis III, Acting Secretary
RE: August Board Meeting Agenda

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ROBERT H. CHABRECK

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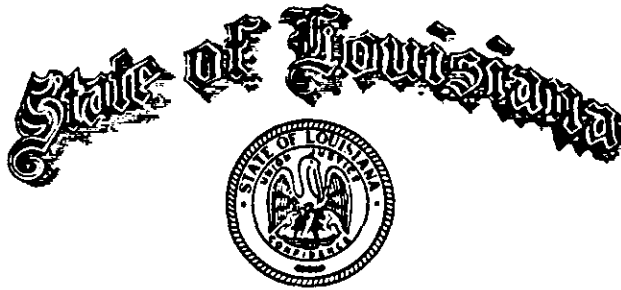
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OFFSHORE SHRIMP LING AT CAILLOU BOCA-

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*Opening of Oyster Season and
Report of what there is in sea
ground areas*

Peter Vignovich

Covered under Ron Dugar's item

August 7. Comm. meeting

Game Division

- 1) Emergency Declaration, Dove, Snipe, and woodcock
Hunting Season Dates, Dave Morrison
- 2) 1992 La Duck Stamp Competition, D. Morrison
- 3) Land Acq., Approval Resolution, H. Bateman
- 4) Recognition of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland
of International Importance (RAMSAR Treaty
Designation) - H. Bateman
- 5) Set Tentative Dates for 1991-92, Duck, Coot
and Goose Hunting Seasons - R. Helm

Copy to B. Chabuck

B. Love

D. Morrison

G. Eufinger

R. Helm



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RAIL AND GALLINULE HUNTING SEASONS - R. Helm
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INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE (RAMSAR),
Resolution - H. Bateman
5) 1992 LA DUCK STAMP Competition - D. Morrison
(SEE ATTACHED)

OFFICE OF FISHERIES
Routing Slip

Out: 7/22/91
Due: _____
In: _____

Office of Secretary:		Inland Fish Division:		Marine Fish Division:		Research Division:	
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Puckett						Shepard	
Callais							

Action:

☐ Please see me about this matter _____.

☒ For your information.

☐ Take appropriate action.

☒ For review and/or approval.

☐ Please look into this matter and prepare a written response for my or VVS signature and return a copy of your reply for filing.

_____ within 72 hours

_____ within 5 days

☐ Comments?

Note:

Deland Fish Div. Agenda altered for August Commission meeting

Response:


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*Commission Meeting Agenda - Inland
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1. Wallop - *break* Boating Access
Projects, 1991-92 *11 1991*

2. Ratification: *setting prohibition - False
FISH DIVISION
River Lake and Lake
Concordia.*

3. Ratification: *setting prohibition -
Lake Bartholomew.*

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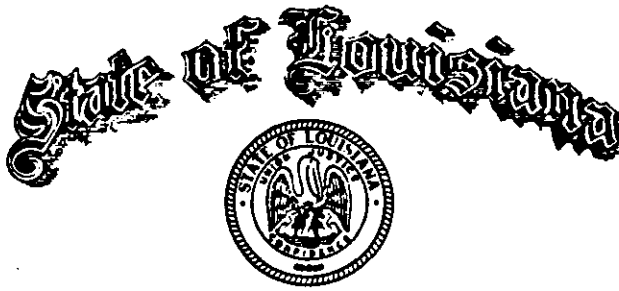
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- Declaration of Emergency / Notice of Intent -
Commercial Sales Card

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mullet Daily take
Joy Shepherd, Rick Koopzick and I will attend.
Xan



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2) *Setting of 91/92 ~~SHrimp~~ Season on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds*

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*T&E will not have any items
for this meeting.
pd - 7-17-91*



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Sharon, the Habitat Conservation Division has no business to conduct at the August

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Johnnie
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8/8/91

AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting as set by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, 1991, at the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) facility, 8124 Highway 56, Cocodrie, La.

The following will be on the agenda:

1. Roll call.
2. Approval of minutes for July 9.
3. Appreciation presentation to ALBC.
4. Emergency declaration and resolution - dove, snipe and woodcock season dates.
5. Ratification of rule on oyster lease moratorium and oyster lease application.
6. Offshore shrimp line at Caillou Boca.
7. Notices of Intent on commercial sales card and commercial fisherman's sales report form.
8. Ratification of rule on netting prohibition, False River Lake and Lake Concordia.
9. Ratification of rule on netting prohibition, Bartholomew Lake.
10. Setting of fall inshore shrimp season.
11. Setting of 91/92 season on public oyster seed grounds.
12. Set tentative dates for the 1991-92 duck, coot and goose hunting seasons.
13. 1991 Louisiana Duck Stamp competition.
14. Land acquisition approval, resolutions.
15. Recognition of Catahoula Lake as a Wetland of International Importance (RAMSAR Treaty designation)
16. Monthly law enforcement report.
17. Resolution for 1991 Louisiana National Hunting and Fishing Day.
18. Acting Secretary's report to the Commission.
19. Set November meeting date.
20. Minerals Committee report and recommendations; shell dredging, central coast lease(s).
21. Commission award of bid(s); shell dredging lease(s), central coast.
22. Public comments.